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Council is resigned to a farce

BY JAMES AVERILL

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A NUMBER of councillors have resigned from a town council in an episode of local democracy that has been slammed as 'farcical'.

As the city prepares to vote in elections for Milton Keynes Council, all is not well at its town equivalent in Bletchley and Fenny Stratford, where at least six councillors have handed in their notice in the last two weeks – at least a third of the 18 positions for elected officials.

It follows a series of bizarre meetings where all its committees were abolished, a councillor was reprimanded for speaking to this newspaper and allegations of threats were made between two councillors.

Members of the Bletchley First party, including Tony Mabbott, Keith Allen, Angela D'Aponte, Paul Bowler, John Hall and Ann Cryer-Whitehead all signed a letter slamming the council's 'shambolic, opaque and unprofessional' governance structure.

But claims have been made by one member that it was the Bletchley First party which was the reason for the council's recent decline.

Cllr E'Amonn O'Rourke, who has served on the authority since 2006, says he was reprimanded by councillors, including Cllr Mabbott, for talking to MK NEWS about regeneration plans for Bletchley rail station.

He said: "The council for the last few years has been farcical, I've been accused of things just for talking to the newspaper. Now they have gone it is quite a happy place, the complete opposite to what it used to be. When the resignation letter was read out at the latest meeting the members of public who were present cheered it."

But Cllr Mabbott has questioned the legitimacy of the council saying that nine not six councillors had resigned and that other members should follow suit.

He also rejected claims that he threatened fellow councillor Emma Rynne and made a member of the public cry at a meeting on March 25.

He said: "The town council cannot possibly be seen as either fit for purpose or having any democratic legitimacy. It should do the decent thing and let local people decide the way forward.

"The other allegations are completely untrue. Emma doesn't like her approach being challenged. She wasn't even elected, so it's not surprising she finds it difficult to grasp the key principles of how democracy should work."

Cllr Rynne was not available for comment, but in the meeting's minutes was said to be 'threatened and very upset'.

FAME actors gave shoppers a dance that could live forever at the:centremk yesterday. The MK Theatre show runs until Saturday.

Knifepoint robberies at centre park

TWO men have been robbed at knifepoint in one of the city's most popular parks.

Both victims were walking on redways around Campbell Park on May 5 when they were confronted by robbers with knives who stole their iPhones.

At 9.15pm the first man was followed as he walked towards Adelphi Street.

The robber demanded the victim hand over his iPhone 5c and waved a small knife in his face until he handed it over.

He is described as between 16 to 24 years old and about 5ft 10ins tall. He was wearing a black body warmer with a red jumper and had a thin beard and moustache.

A 21-year-old man was walking across the bridge into Campbell Park at 10.40pm when he was asked for the time by two men.

He then heard a voice saying 'excuse me' and turned around to find one of them stood directly behind him. The man demanded the victim's iPhone 4 and showed him what is believed to be a knife. The robber demanded the victim follow him, but he managed to run away.

The first offender was black, in his late teens to early 20s and about 5ft 11ins. He was wearing a grey hooded sweatshirt and dark trousers.

The second offender was black, about 5ft 11ins and was wearing a dark coat and jeans.

Anyone with information should contact Detective Constable Samantha Reynolds on 101.

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Fundraisers gear up for charity

A CHARITY bike ride to raise funds for the Henry Allen Trust is getting nearer – with a student journalist now joining the team.

MK College's Matthew Ray, who also writes for MK NEWS, will be jumping on his bike to cycle to Paris along with a team of six other riders - including Henry's parents Dawn and Mark and MK Don boss Karl Robinson.

The 303-mile trip begins in the city on May 26 and ends on May 30, and will also raise cash for the MK Dons Sports & Education Trust.

■ Support our campaign to get a pillar in Henry's memory at MK Rose at **www.mkweb.co.uk**.

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Balloon comes down in paddock

A RESIDENT isn't full of hot air – a balloon nearly did land in her garden!

Samantha Stevenson, 43, was having her breakfast at 8am yesterday when the hot air balloon landed in a paddock behind her house in Mount Pleasant, Aspley Guise.

The unusual sight was added to when two of the passengers who landed with the balloon suddenly ran away from the scene.

Samantha joked: "We didn't know whether they had gone joy riding in it!

"It was a bizarre thing to see at that kind of time in the morning."

Mayor disputes city's 'chav' title on map website

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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MILTON Keynes has been named as the 'chav epicentre of the universe' on a website.

Neath Hill, New Bradwell, Olney, Bletchley and Milton Keynes have been slammed by residents and visitors for its number of chavs abusing people and causing criminal damage.

Some people have disputed the negative comments on the website www.ilivehere.co.uk.

One entry about Neath Hill by dk said: "The pub is situated in the heart of the 'local centre', this means anyone innocently walking past the beer garden on a hot summer's day is subjected to a torrent of drunken insults and offers of fights by chavs on their eighth pint.

"The Co-op features prison-style barbed fencing around the roof following a break in and always has its shutters down as otherwise the chavs brick the windows."

New Bradwell was labelled in comments as 'New Chav Hell' and one person said about Milton Keynes: "It would seem I have inadvertently discovered the chav epicentre of the universe."

Commenting on Olney one person said: "It's a lovely little town – Little England to a tee and very traditional.

"However...it is becoming overrun with chavs.

"These underage kappa slappers adorn every nook and cranny of our poor town."

Mayor of Milton Keynes Brian White disputed these comments saying: "MK is a diverse wonderful place of different groups of different people.

"These people have only met one part of MK and they should come and meet some of the other incredible people that I meet on a daily basis in our city."

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MK Museum: Children take part in a battle re-enactment in the garden. Picture by Simon St Clare

Museum steps back in time

LOTS of families took a step into the past to enjoy the History Festival at Milton Keynes Museum at the weekend.

Visitors enjoyed the smell of bread baked in clay ovens, the thud of firing muskets and the sight of scarlet-coated soldiers in search of new recruits.

The festival featured tented encampments spanning two millennia from Roman times through medieval Britain and the Wars of the Roses, the English Civil and Napoleonic Wars, to wartime Britain in the 1940s.

Children were able to experience hands-on how life was lived by our ancestors, from the gentle arts of weaving and wool dyeing through to wielding bow and arrows or pikes on the battlefield.

Circus skills, games and demonstrations from re-enactors in costumes and uniforms of the time also entertained visitors.

Family's tribute to crash victim

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THE family of a volunteer who died after crossing a road in the city have paid tribute to the mother-of-two.

Pam Wilson, *pictured*, was hit by a car while crossing Watling Street on May 1 and later died from her injuries.

Pam's family have paid tribute to the volunteer worker, who helped at Willen Hospice warehouse where she sorted through donations.

As well as attending regular yoga classes, Pam also had her own allotment plot, although the family said that she 'would spend more time chin wagging than weeding.'

The statement said: "Pam was a wonderful wife and mother. She loved good food, good wine and good company.

"She also liked socialising where she could chat, laugh and joke.

"Pam was always good company and would laugh and joke with everyone.

"Wherever she was the sun seemed to shine. The sunshine has gone out of the lives of Ken, Gordon, Hazel and all her many friends."

Pam's funeral will be held at Crownhill Crematorium on Thursday, May 29 at 12.15pm.

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Murder update

DETECTIVES have identified a man and a woman from CCTV footage they want to talk to in connection with MK Dons fan James Attfield's murder in Colchester. Another man seen on CCTV has also contacted Essex Police.

New constable

ALAN Baldwin is the new Assistant Chief Constable (ACC) for Neighbourhood Policing and Partnerships at Thames Valley Police.

Team George quiz

JOIN a Team George quiz at Abbey Hill Golf Centre on May 25 at 7.30pm. Tickets cost £10 from 07790 430476.

Buszy owners accept caution

THE owners of the Buszy have accepted a caution for failing to heed a noise abatement notice served by Milton Keynes Council.

The order was served to Make A Difference (MaD) in September after complaints from residents.

The case was scheduled to be heard at MK Magistrates' Court on Friday before the caution was accepted.

A council spokesman said: "We're pleased this has been settled relatively amicably."

MaD's chief executive Denise Davis-Boreham said fighting it was 'not in anyone's interests'.

Bird dies in burglary spree

THERE has been a spate of burglaries across the city with 10 occurring between May 1 and 9.

A number of bikes, laptops and phones were stolen from various properties in areas like Netherfield, Bletchley, Furzton and Eagletson. The most obscure item snatched was an African Grey Parrot from a home in the Hide, Netherfield, at 4pm on May 3. The bird was later killed.

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Cloudy2Clear service the Bedford, Milton Keynes & Leighton Buzzard areas and Billy is finding that his approach is a major factor in his success. 'The truth is that it's not just the personal satisfaction that I get from doing a good job but also it makes good business sense. I get a huge amount of business from friends and family of people I've done work for, which just goes to show how much a little bit of effort is appreciated.'

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Isn't God's way best?

OUR children are focused on video games, smart phones and the latest trends in clothes.

And let's not forget to mention peer pressure and media pressure that opens their eyes to temptations like drugs, drink and alcohol and to get involved sexually.

Today's kids face an overall absence of godly examples and moral living. What I mean by godly examples is the word of God (the bible) shows us how to treat people with kindness, respect and patience, even those that are hard to love. The right behaviour is Christianity in action. Surely us parents want our kids to be brought up in the right way?

If we look at his commandments, would we not want our children to live by these few listed and not become another statistic in today's society?

- Honour thy father and thy mother
- Thou shalt not kill
- Thou shalt not commit adultery
- Thou shalt not steal
- Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour
- Thou shalt not covet

I have only just come to Christ myself and it has turned me away from a lot of sinful actions.

It's our children's choice as they get older to have faith and believe as we are given freedom of choice.

But remember, God's word is teaching our children what is right!

Sister Carly Tierney
Sent via email

Doubting Atheist stats

DAVID Carey (*Letters, MK NEWS, May 7*) may well look forward to an Atheist Britain by the end of the century, but not on the figures he is quoting.

At the last census 59 per cent (not 49 per cent) described themselves as Christians (actually 63 per cent in England) and overall 68 per cent (over two thirds of the population) identified themselves as belonging to one religion or another.

Mr Carey makes a number of unsupported assumptions, one being that the 25 per cent who described themselves as having no religion are Atheists.

There is no basis for this supposition since not identifying with a particular religion does not mean that all of the 25 per cent are Atheists; in the 2001 census (and again in 2011) all those who claimed to be Jedi Knights were classified as having no religion.

The force may have been with them, but unfortunately it does not count as religion. Others may, like me, be agnostics which is not the same thing as being an Atheist.

Mr Carey's other assumption is that religion and science are incompatible to which he cites a handful of scientists that he says are or were Atheists 'unencumbered by religion'.

Well, one of them is certainly encumbered by religion; for Richard Dawkins it has become an obsession with a stream of books, all variations on a single theme, railing at a medieval God that no longer exists in the mind of his followers.

A recent survey in the USA suggests that around 50 per cent of evangelical Christians (the group usually associated with rejection of science) believe that science and religion can work together and that the percentage of scientists attending religious services was nearly equal to the percentage of non-scientists.

Science itself does not set out to disprove the existence of God since that is an impossible task. Science is not the opposite of religion – that is an absurd proposition. As I have pointed out before, science is not Atheism and Atheism is not science.

Religions are extremely resilient because they are part of the culture and history of a society; religions reflect the values of society as much as society absorbs religious values. Religions are part of the glue that holds societies together.

It is also worthwhile remembering that we have been here before – in the 19th century the Church of England was very nearly a minority religion, but Christianity, in particular, is highly adaptable and has reinvented itself numerous times over the last 2,000 years. If I was Mr Carey I would not open the Champagne too soon.

B M Wadeson
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A 'perfect gentleman'

I READ with sadness about the death of the first Milton Keynes MP, Sir William Benyon, who was a perfect gentleman (*'Tributes paid to our dedicated first MP, MK NEWS, May 7*).

I knew him as a local MP since I had several communications with him.

At that time I was living in Duncombe Street and a right wing group was very active and windows in the road were being vandalised. He made sure that police took action to prevent such things happening in Bletchley. He was also instrumental in preventing riots in this area in the 1980s.

Sir William helped the local Bangladeshi community, who were new to this area, on several issues.

He treated everyone in the same way, irrespective of race or religion. He showed exemplary care and compassion when dealing with immigration cases.

As far as I am concerned he was the best local constituency MP we have had, who, from my own experience, dealt with matters, big or small, promptly. The residents of Milton Keynes will miss him.

May his soul rest in peace.

Arun Vaidyanathan
Sent via email

Strike was justified

REGARDING the letter from R E Lee of Conniburrow (*MK NEWS, May 7*) and his feelings over the firefighters strike.

He is wrong with his assertion that the fire service, police and teachers knew the rates of pay etc before they joined.

They have been changed and that is why those that can are striking.

It is ridiculous to expect 60-year-olds to fight fires and chase burglars – one of the changes is to increase the retirement age from 55 to 60 for firefighters and police officers – and shows the way that this Government regards those roles, as well as the public, who won't be as safe with aged emergency services.

The deal is not what those workers signed up for and why they are upset. Has Mr Lee ever agree to one deal and had it reneged halfway through?

Firefighters and police now pay 14 per cent of their wages into pensions they won't see for longer.

Andrew Armer
Bletchley

Mark's Monthly Focus

MP Mark Lancaster weighs up the HS2 project

HIGH Speed Two (HS2), the new fast train line connecting London and the North, has been much in the news lately with Parliament voting overwhelmingly in favour.

With such a major infrastructure project that will take many years to deliver, it is always vital to get cross party support to ensure its delivery.

There is no doubt that it is a controversial project, not only the cost which is considerable, but also the impact it will have on many properties in Buckinghamshire and closer to London while delivering little direct benefit to those affected.

For many local MPs it is a classic dilemma, trying to balance both the national and local interest.

Fortunately the benefit for Milton Keynes residents is considerable, albeit indirect as the line will not pass directly through the city.

It will, however, have a considerable impact on releasing capacity on the West Coast Mainline (WCML), which is already operating at full capacity which is good news for local commuters. With Milton Keynes set to expand yet further over coming years, it is vital that we have the extra capacity on the WCML if we are to ensure that commuters to and from Milton Keynes, already at times treated like sardines in a can, have a fast, comfortable and effective train service.

Having always campaigned for 'I before E' or 'Infrastructure before Expansion' this is just the sort of project that delivers for the city.

I do, however, still have concerns over its implementation. In recent years MK residents have been impacted by works on the WCML and even though HS2 is some miles off to the west, its construction will impact upon us again.

Ultimately both lines terminate in and around Euston and I am pressing the Government to explain how construction will take place without disrupting an already congested station. It is certainly a challenge but must be carefully considered and mitigated against.

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Pinnacle of fundraising bid

ABSEILING down one of the city's tallest buildings was the pinnacle of fundraisers' efforts to raise money.

More than 40 people took part in the Child Bereavement UK abseil down the 100ft Pinnacle in Central Milton Keynes at the weekend, with several of them dressed as superheroes.

Comic book characters scaling the heights included Batman, Robin, Spiderman and Wonder Woman – and their efforts really could save the day for a number of families going through a tough time in their lives.

The charity supports families and educates professionals when a baby or child of any age dies or is dying. It also runs a Young People's Advisory Group.

The group is an opportunity for people aged 11-25 to get together and meet others who have experienced the death of someone important in their lives.

It meets regularly to work on projects to create resources that will help other bereaved young people.

Thanks to the fantastic efforts of all involved, more than £8,000 was raised to help fund the charity.

To find out more about Child Bereavement UK visit www.childbereavementuk.org

Going down: One brave fundraiser abseils down the Pinnacle to raise money for Child Bereavement UK

Man tied up in knifepoint raid

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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A MAN found his flatmate tied up and was later assaulted himself during a robbery.

The 36-year-old entered his flat in The Gables, Wolverton, and saw his 40-year-old friend tied up and two robbers, believed to have had a knife, demanding cash.

The 36-year-old was assaulted before the thieves stole mobile phones and cash. Both victims escaped through a window.

The robbers were seen getting into a dark blue Vauxhall estate, driven by another man.

Police have just released details of the incdient which happened at 12.30pm on Saturday, April 26.

The first offender is white, in his early 20s, of slim build, about 5ft 10in and with short dark brown hair. The second suspect is white, in his early 20s, with a shaved head, a dark goatee beard and is about 5ft 10in.

The flatmate who was tied up suffered minor injuries.

Detective Constable John Swallow said: "I would like to reassure the community that incidents such as these are extremely rare and thankfully the victims did not sustain any serious injuries. The force is conducting a thorough investigation into the incident in order to bring the perpetrators to justice."

■ Daryl Cable, 23, of Kingsley Road, Luton, has been charged with conspiracy to commit robbery and false imprisonment. He will appear at Aylesbury Crown Court tomorrow. A 34-year-old man from MK was arrested on suspicion of burglary and released on police bail until May 25.

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Bailey at Midsummer

BRITAIN'S Got Talent star Bailey McConnell, a 15-year-old student at MK College, will meet and greet fans at Midsummer Place from noon to 2pm on Saturday.

'Berlin Wall' is up

A GATE compared to the Berlin Wall for separating The National Museum of Computing and Bletchley Park has been erected.

Kiln Farm court case

A MAGISTRATES court hearing where Kiln Farm Club is disputing a noise abatement notice served by Milton Keynes Council has been adjourned until July 11.

'You cannot please everyone'

THE organiser of Milton Keynes Marathon has said that he 'cannot please everyone'.

It follows complaints from one Tinkers Bridge resident that he could not access his home in Passmore as the roads nearby were blocked during the May 5 event.

Milton Keynes Council confirmed that it had received nine complaints about advance notice and communication issues.

The race's director, Andy Hully, said: "I cannot please everyone. I'd rather concentrate on how good the event was for the city."

Maker of pods announced

DRIVERLESS pods have moved a step closer to reality after Coventry-based RDM Group was announced as the manufacturer of the futuristic LUTZ Pathfinder design.

RDM and project managers Transport Systems Catapult will work with Oxford University's Mobile Robotics Group (MRG) to create three electric-powered pods to be tested in MK next year.

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CCTV considered to help cut crime

Problems around the square: The pancake day wicker statues pictured in Olney before the suspected arson attack on May 4 which destroyed one of the structures

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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A COUNCIL is proposing to install CCTV in its square in an attempt to deter crime.

Olney Town Council has been discussing the CCTV options with the area's PC Andy Perry following recent incidents, including a suspected arson attack on the evening of Sunday, May 4 that destroyed one of the new pancake day wicker statues.

Other incidents around the square have included a car driving into the McColl's store, bus stop toilets being vandalised and a man being hit by a vehicle outside Nationwide Building Society.

With help from PC Perry, the town council is looking into CCTV that is linked to police headquarters and keeps footage for four months.

Susan Hughes from the neighbourhood action group also attended the town council meeting on Monday where the matter was discussed to give her suggestions.

She said the group could offer financial support if it could be part of the project as it was already discussing the use of CCTV.

Councillor Tony Evans also highlighted the groups of 'intimidating' young people who hang around the square at the weekend and said how CCTV may reassure some of the elderly residents.

He said: "There are some groups on the market place who are quite intimidating and nasty types for elderly people who have to walk past. We saw an immediate impact when we put CCTV on East Street car park so it seems to have an effect."

The town council agreed to assess the costs.

As MK NEWS previously reported Thames Valley Police could reduce CCTV funding from £225,000 a year to as little as £50,000 by 2017/18.

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Olives recalled

SAINSBURY'S has recalled its 350g jars of pitted green olives after small pieces of glass were found in the products. Customers are advised to return the jars to their nearest store for a refund. A spokesman said:"We are working closely with the supplier and an investigation into how this happened is ongoing." Have you been affected? Email jessica.duncan@mk-news.co.uk.

Play detective

RESIDENTS can help identify people for the police by downloading a new app. Thames Valley Police is using Facewatch to upload pictures of unidentified people the force would like to speak to in connection with low-level crime. The free smartphone app has images that are searchable by postcode.

Park pervert caught in the act

A MAN was caught masturbating in a public park to the 'disgust' of two joggers running by, a court heard.

Ryan Sherwood Ashby, 22, of Seaton Grove, Broughton, was caught in Lucy Lane, Loughton, on March 2 at 10.55am, Andy Callender, prosecuting, told Milton Keynes Magistrates' Court.

Ashby pleaded guilty to one count of committing an act of outraging public decency.

He is due to be sentenced at the same court on May 21. As part of his bail, Ashby is not allowed to enter Loughton.

Mascot Mayhem to return

MASCOTS from across the UK will return to the city's Theatre District this summer.

Attracting sport club mascots and those that represent businesses and community groups, Mascot Mayhem on June 21 will be an event for the whole family.

Milton Keynes mascots are being encouraged to enter to follow in the footsteps of last year's winners, Twizzle and Twirl from 360 Play, which is based in the city.

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Flush of relief as toilet opens

BY JAMES AVERILL
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CROSS-LEGGED commuters are relieved after a new self-cleaning public toilet was finally opened near the city's train station.

Pipework for the toilet had been installed during the redevelopment of Station Square in 2012.

But it took a concerted campaign by Milton Keynes Bus Users Group (MK BUG) – championed by MK NEWS – to result in the facility being built.

Milton Keynes Council set aside £70,000 to install the toilet and run it on a three-year maintenance contract.

It was opened on Monday morning, is free to use and will be open 24 hours a day.

The facility self-cleans using high pressure water jets after each user, keeping it hygienic for all.

Bus driver Mohammad Iqbal was the first person to use it and said it was a welcome addition to the square.

He said: "It was a big problem for drivers as there was nothing nearby to use during breaks. If you're holding on you can't drive properly."

Better than bog standard: Mohammad Iqbal tries out the new public toilet in Station Square and, *inset*, how it looks inside

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And bus user Kate Heslop said 'it was about time' that the toilet was installed.

The toilet has special design features to stop anti-social behaviour inside the unit. It is also fitted with smoke detectors and a sprinkler system.

John Pryor, assistant director for public realm at Milton Keynes Council, said: "Station Square users have highlighted the need for a public toilet and I am delighted that this Milton Keynes Council project has now delivered this."

Peter Ballantyne, chairman of MK BUG, said: "We have campaigned for this for four years and I congratulate the council."

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Surprise assembly: Karl with Two Mile Ash students

MK Dons boss Karl has football fever

MK Dons manager Karl Robinson made a surprise visit to a school assembly.

Karl joined Two Mile Ash pupils to 'kick off' the school's World Cup topic, 'It's more than just a game'. He spoke about his passion for football and the importance of never giving up. The visit was arranged by ex-pupil Muj Ahmed, owner of Naidni restaurant.

Karl said: "Using football to unite all backgrounds is a great idea."

Driver stabbed outside mosque

BY JAMES AVERILL
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A MAN was stabbed outside a mosque - although police say they believe the location played no part.

At 10.30pm last Wednesday a 26-year-old man drove his red Vauxhall Corsa into the car park in Water Eaton Road, Bletchley, and was approached by three men.

They demanded that he got out of the car before stabbing him in the chest and wrist with a bladed article - before the victim escaped in his car.

He suffered serious injuries and was taken to Milton Keynes Hospital for treatment, where he remains in a stable condition.

Acting LPA Commander for Milton Keynes, Jim O'Ryan, said: "Although this took place in the car park of a local mosque, we do not believe that the incident is in anyway related to the mosque.

"I would also like to thank the community there who have cooperated fully with police during the disruption to their facilities that our investigations have required."

For descriptions of the three offenders in this attack, please visit our article online at www.mkweb.co.uk.

Anyone with information that may assist the investigation should contact Detective Sergeant Phil Turner-Robson on the non-emergency number 101 or call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

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Mayor is back

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Olney Town mayor Stephen Clark and deputy town mayor Jeremy Rawlings were voted in by town councillors. Both 'want to see projects till the end'.

BY JAMES AVERILL
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A RESIDENT who claimed he had nowhere to live while already having a tenancy with a housing association has been back in court to be sentenced for fraud.

Mansur Machele, 45, of Johnstone Place, Oldbrook, was sentenced to 11 weeks custody – suspended for 12 months – with 150 hours of unpaid community work.

In addition he was ordered to pay £1,362 in costs to Milton Keynes Council.

Machele pleaded guilty to the charges at a hearing earlier this year.

Magistrates heard how a fraud investigation by Milton Keynes Service Partnership's corporate anti-fraud team, found that in February 2008 Machele had fraudulently applied for and obtained a council property under false circumstances.

It was found that during the time of his application he already had a valid and secure social tenancy with Places For People Housing Association but had deliberately concealed his true circumstances.

This meant he would not have qualified for a house from Milton Keynes Council.

Once the facts had been uncovered the council terminated Machele's tenancy and took possession of the property.

The council says the property has since been used to provide 'a house for a family in real need' who were previously living in temporary B&B accommodation.

A corporate anti-fraud team spokesman for Milton Keynes Council added: "We will robustly pursue those people who commit housing tenancy fraud in any guise.

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Firm will investigate cause of bus blaze

BY SCOTT KIRK
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A FULL investigation is to be launched by the company which owns the bus that caught fire in the city centre.

Nobody was injured in the blaze in Elder Gate last Wednesday, which Thames Valley Police said started because of a mechanical failure.

Aylesbury-based Redline said that a full maintenance inspection of its fleet of buses will now take place, regardless of when the next scheduled check is meant to be.

Owner Khan Wali Khan said: "The cause of the incident is still under investigation.

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Thames Valley Police roads officer, Sergeant Dan Collett, said the bus was parked and the driver was outside of the vehicle when the blaze began.

It spread to the Buszy in Elder Gate, the former bus station now used as a youth centre, but only the roof was damaged.

Staff evacuated themselves at the time of the fire but activities continued as normal once they returned to the building.

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Political parties try

BY JAMES AVERILL
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The 'all-out' election – where every seat at Milton Keynes Council is up for grabs – has sparked campaigning on issues from potholes to housing.

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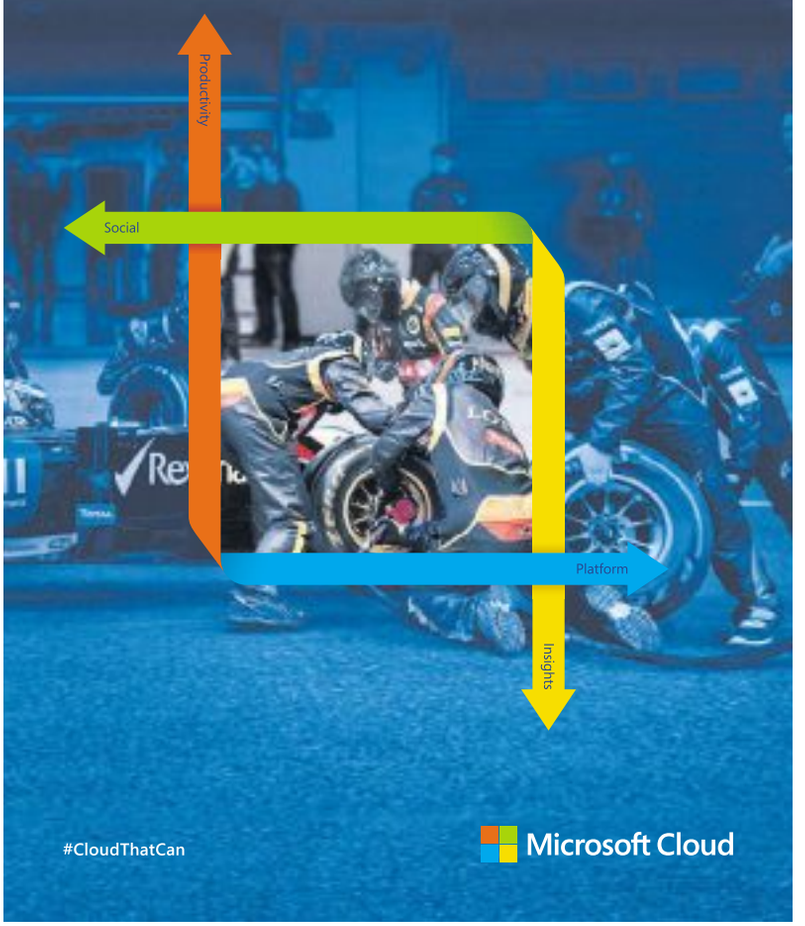

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It struck me that there must be thousands of people in the same position. People needing advice but not knowing where to go to get it.

In the meantime Santander has had to suspend its investment advice service over regulatory shortcomings.

The remaining high street banks have recently announced their new charging structures and service propositions. Based on the announcements so far it appears that they expect to receive relatively high fees for investments and pensions with a small range of funds. They are also likely to be incentivised by product providers to include them on the banks' panels.

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'Grim' findings: An unannounced inspection in January by chief inspector of prisons, Nick Hardwick, found high levels of self-harming and assault at HMP Woodhill, leading to it being branded 'unsafe'

Prison is a 'concern'

BY JAMES AVERILL
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AN UNANNOUNCED inspection at HMP Woodhill found that the jail had double the number of self-harm incidents and assaults compared to other prisons.

Yesterday, chief inspector of prisons, Nick Hardwick, published his report that found five prisoners had taken their own lives since the last inspection in January 2012.

And 15 per cent of prisoners said they felt unsafe compared to nine per cent previously. And Mr Hardwick said the prison – which is home to several high-profile category A prisoners – remained 'concerning' when it came to outcomes for prisoners.

He said: "The prison was experiencing a period of management change but there was reason to believe that the new governor and his team were making serious attempts to assess the current situation with clarity and honesty.

"We hope to see more consistent and improved outcomes when we next inspect."

Michael Spurr, chief executive officer of the National Offender Management Service (NOMS), said: "The governor and his staff will use the recommendations in this report to accelerate that work."

The Howard League for Penal Reform slammed the 'grim' findings, saying Woodhill was 'unsafe, unproductive and violent'.

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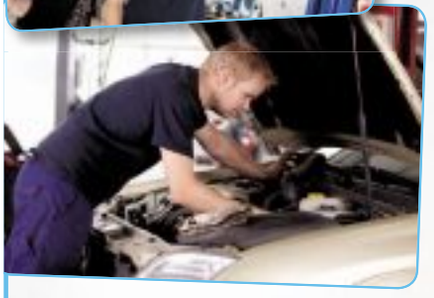

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Safety first as speed limit cut

BY SCOTT KIRK
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A MAIN road coming into a town is to be reduced to 40mph for 'safety reasons' and councillors would like to see access the other way restricted to 30mph as well.

Work is scheduled to take place over the next month by Central Bedfordshire Council to reduce the Woburn Road entrance into Woburn Sands from the national speed limit to 40mph.

"We are introducing the new 40mph limit on this road for a number of safety reasons," said Cllr Budge Wells, whose Woburn Sands ward falls under Central Bedfordshire Council.

"Firstly it will make it much clearer and easier for drivers to gradually slow down to 30mph as they reach Woburn Sands and it will also make it safer for the large number of cyclists who often gather on the road and need to cross it to access the woods."

Slow down: A section of Woburn Road will be reduced to 40mph

Woburn Sands Town councillor Mike Geddes said: "I think anything that slows traffic down into Woburn Sands has to be a good thing."

Councillor David Hopkins said he and his colleagues would also like to see a 30mph limit connecting Newport Road to the Kingston roundabout and Wavendon.

He added: "We are attempting to get a 30mph limit between Wavendon and Woburn Sands as part of a range of road safety improvements between Kingston roundabout and Woburn Sands."

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£6k spent to stop allotments flooding

BY SCOTT KIRK
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A PARISH council is hoping that installing extra defence measures will help stop allotments from flooding.

Kents Hill and Monkston Parish Council encountered problems earlier this year on its allotment sites because of the unusually heavy rain.

In Kents Hill, a French drain has been installed along the eastern edge of the site after part of the allotment was submerged under a foot-and-a-half of water in January.

And in Monkston, another path, or riding, is to be redone to stop flooding from reaching gardeners' plots.

Standing water was said to be the main cause of the problem there.

The work is costing just over £6,000, with £4,200 being spent at Kents Hill and the rest at Monkston. Colin Bowker, chairman of Kents Hill and Monkston Parish Council, said the aim was to use a permanent solution to stop flooding at the allotments, rather than stop-gap measures.

"Allotments are an integral part of any community," said Cllr Bowker.

"We didn't want to put in a temporary fix and then have to spend another £2,000 or £3,000 later if they didn't work.

"Hopefully the work we have done here will last for a good few years.

"In Monkston the problem is standing water but the more people work their plots, the less of a problem it should become."

Cllr Bowker added that if redoing the riding fails to work in Monkston, a French drain will have to be installed at the site instead.

Flood: Colin Bowker at Kents Hill allotments

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For dad: Kayleigh Welch with her father, Peter Bewick

Kaleigh's having a ball to fight cancer

A DAUGHTER is organising a charity ball for her terminally ill father.

Kayleigh Welch, from Monkston, is holding the event at Wilton Hall, Bletchley, to raise money for Cancer Research UK. The 27-year-old wants to 'fund research and help other families' as her father Peter Bewick, 65, continues to fight a rare cancer.

Tickets for the event on August 16 cost £35. Visit www.mkweb.co.uk.

Two have backs broken by driver

BY JULIA SUTTON
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A DISQUALIFIED driver who crashed a car while he was drunk left the vehicle's two passengers with broken backs.

Thomas Buckle, 34, of Garrowmore Grove in Bletchley, pleaded guilty to causing serious injuries to Kymberley Ann Smith, who was one of the passengers, driving under the influence of alcohol, driving while disqualified and using a vehicle without insurance.

Buckle drove the Vauxhall Zafira into a tree in Windermere Drive, also in Bletchley, on January 29 this year with 118 milligrams of alcohol in his blood – the legal limit is 80 milligrams.

Police attended the scene and saw a teenage passenger exiting the vehicle.

Buckle will now be sent to Aylesbury Crown Court for sentencing on a date yet to be decided. He was released on bail under the condition that he does not contact Ms Smith.

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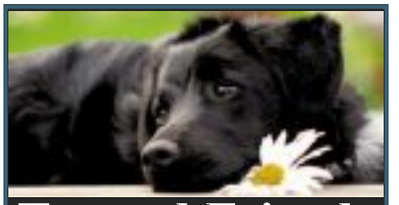

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OU professor was

BY SCOTT KIRK
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PROFESSOR Colin Pillinger, planetary scientist at the Open University and the man behind an attempt to land a spacecraft on Mars in 2003, has died.

The 70-year-old, who was the driving force of Britain's Mars lander Beagle 2, suffered a brain haemorrhage and fell into a deep coma at his home in Cambridge.

The professor, who was awarded the CBE in 2003, is survived by his wife Judith, son Nicholas and daughter Shusanah.

Prof Pillinger's family told the BBC his death was "devastating and unbelievable".

Milton Keynes mayor Brian White has led the tributes to the professor, saying: "Children have taken an interest in science and things like the space technology sector because of him. He's of the ilk of Patrick Moore and the reason there is an aerospace industry in the city is because people are interested in it due to people like Colin.

"He inspired people to get involved and he is not just a real inspiration to Milton Keynes, he's an inspiration to the country."

He was most famous for the ill-fated Beagle 2 mission to Mars which was supposed to land on the red planet on

On a space mission: Professor Colin Pillenger pictured with Britain's famous Mars lander, Beagle 2

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Afterwards Prof Pillinger spoke of his frustration at the failed probe and said there was nothing that should not have worked.

The professor was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 2005.

He said at the time that the illness would not stop his efforts to get Beagle technology back on Mars.

He began his career at Nasa, analysing samples of moon rock on the Apollo programme.

The father-of-two gained a PhD in chemistry from the University of Swansea before becoming a research fellow at Cambridge University.

He worked at the Open University for 35 years and was head of physical sciences until 2005.

Monica Grady, professor in planetary sciences who worked with Colin for 35 years, said: "He was my PhD supervisor and one of the most influential figures in my life, both academically and as a friend."

FACTBOX

- Professor Pillinger was born on May 9, 1943 in Kingswood, just outside Bristol
- Elected to the Fellowship of the Royal Society in 1993 for contributions to geochemistry and cosmochemistry
- His widow Judith is also a scientist
- He worked for NASA before the OU
- He owned a dairy farm
- Awarded a CBE in 2003
- An asteroid is named after him
- He was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 2005

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"Academically he was miles ahead and he could grip everybody because he was so knowledgeable."

Brian White, MK mayor:

"The reason there is an aero-space industry in the city is because of people like Colin."

Martin Bean, vice-chancellor of the Open University:

"Professor Pillinger was not only an inspiration to us here at the OU, but to people across the world with his infectious enthusiasm for science and discovery.

Monica Grady, professor in planetary sciences:

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An apple a day: Laurence Conisbee will produce 12 seasonal drinks at his new cidery in Old Wolverton, which will officially be opened on Friday by MasterChef judge William Sitwell, *inset*

New cidery to open

BY JAMES AVERILL
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THE first cidery in Milton Keynes will be opened on Friday by MasterChef guest judge William Sitwell.

The food and drink expert will be joined by Mayor Brian White to officially launch Virtual Orchard's production factory in Old Wolverton.

Cider maker Laurence Conisbee started creating a traditional cider in 2009 using apples harvested from the trees in his own garden, as well as fruit gathered from friends' trees and forgotten orchards around the city.

Laurence told MK NEWS: "The initial plan was to make just a few litres for family and friends to enjoy, but so many apples were gathered that another outlet needed to be found."

He then set up Virtual Orchard in 2010, where sales increased year on year.

In 2013 Laurence decided to give up his job in IT to make cider full time.

Virtual Orchard moved into Galleon Wharf in April last year and has spent the past 12 months establishing a new production line for a range of 12 seasonal ciders – all still made using local apples.

TV judge Mr Sitwell, who also edits Waitrose Kitchen magazine, is happy to back the orchard.

He said: "I'm really delighted to have been asked to open the Galleon Wharf cidery.

"As a maker and avid consumer of cider myself the opening of a new cidery is a wonderful thing.

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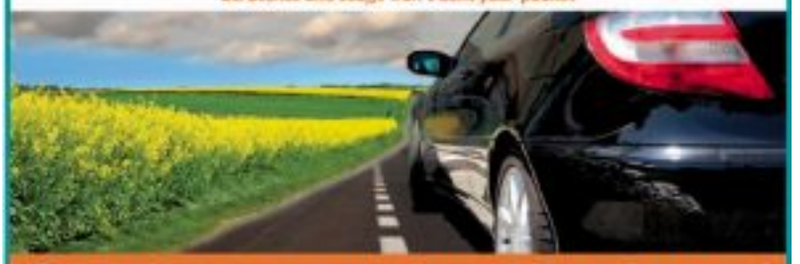

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Band need votes to play 'dream' festival

BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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A METAL band have made it through to the final 15 in a competition.

The Red Bull Studios (RBS) Live at Download gives UK bands the chance to get to the next level through a studio experience, mentoring and a slot on stage at next month's Download Festival.

Milton Keynes-based Invocation are a progressive metal band that formed in early 2009.

They have played at many city venues including The Craufurd Arms, Watershed and the Snow Bar.

The boys include Matt Duffy on vocals, Robin Saunders on bass, Alex Todd-Weller on drums and James Hewitt and Tom Still on guitars.

Matt, 24, said: "Our aim is to continue to put on live shows so we can have fun with our audience and give an epic energy performance.

"We have a wide range of influences including hip hop and funk and we like artists including FellSilent who are also from MK."

Support: Invocation need the public's vote to reach the final eight

The band of 21 to 24-year-olds have been in the RBS recording their recent release Through the Smoke.

Invocation were picked by the public as one of the top 100 bands from thousands of entries. Four judges, including Radio 1's Huw Stephens and Kerrang's Katie P, then picked the best 15.

On Friday videos of the remaining bands will go online and the public must choose the eight that will go through to the final.

Matt added: "The dream is to play at Download and get the exposure we need. We really hope people from the city get behind us to vote."

■ Find out how to vote for Invocation on our website – **www.mkweb.co.uk**

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Funeral service to take place on Monday 19th May at 2pm in the Oak Chapel, Crownhill Crematorium.

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Rare orchid thief strikes at woods

Stolen: The rare early purple orchid and, *inset*, biodiversity officer Martin Kincaid

BY SCOTT KIRK
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A RARE flower has been stolen from an ancient wood.

The early purple orchid – a native wildflower – has been dug up in Linford Wood, the largest of the city's ancient woodlands that is well known for its displays of wildflowers in the spring and summer.

The theft has been reported to the police and The Parks Trust – the charity that cares for Milton Keynes' green spaces.

The early purple orchid is one of the earliest flowering plants of its kind and can often be found in bloom at the same time as bluebells.

It is one of five orchid species to be found in the city's ancient woodlands and, while not an endangered species, it is uncommon and less abundant than it was due to habitat decline.

Removing plants from land without the owners' permission is a criminal offence.

Martin Kincaid, biodiversity officer for The Parks Trust said: "Taking a plant is a criminal offence and one that threatens the survival of this orchid within the wood.

"We take this theft very seriously."

The trust regularly patrols the wood and is asking visitors and dog walkers to be vigilant and report any suspicious behaviour to it on 01908 233600.

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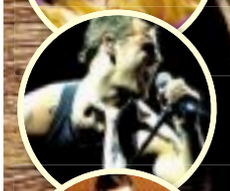

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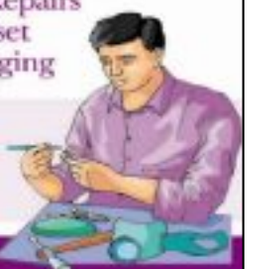
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BY JESSICA DUNCAN
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MKCF chief executive Julia Upton said: "There are 12,000 people in MK living in poverty and we hope this event has challenged people to think differently and not leave those people behind."

Speakers included David Goodfellow, from The Kindness Offensive, who gave out the gifts as a way of mirroring their work.

Nifty Lifts, from Stonebridge, spoke about its Pay It Forward project, which helps young people build their CVs with advise and internships at other companies in the hope they will work for them in the future.

OBE Malcolm Brighton spoke about income and equality and behaviourist Jez Rose gave his view on the theme.

MKCF worked in partnership with the Open University, which hosted the talks in the Berrill Theatre.

Clare Wood, who attended the event on behalf of MK Gallery, said: "It was a really interesting and inspiring day. We heard different views on the theme and it has left me wanting to give my gift away."

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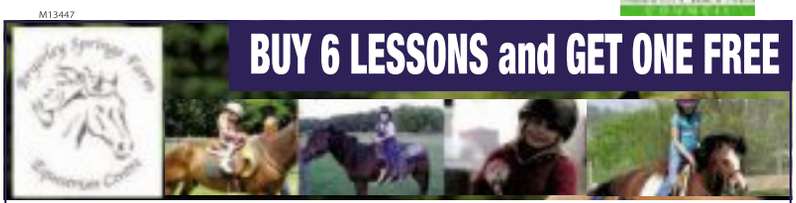

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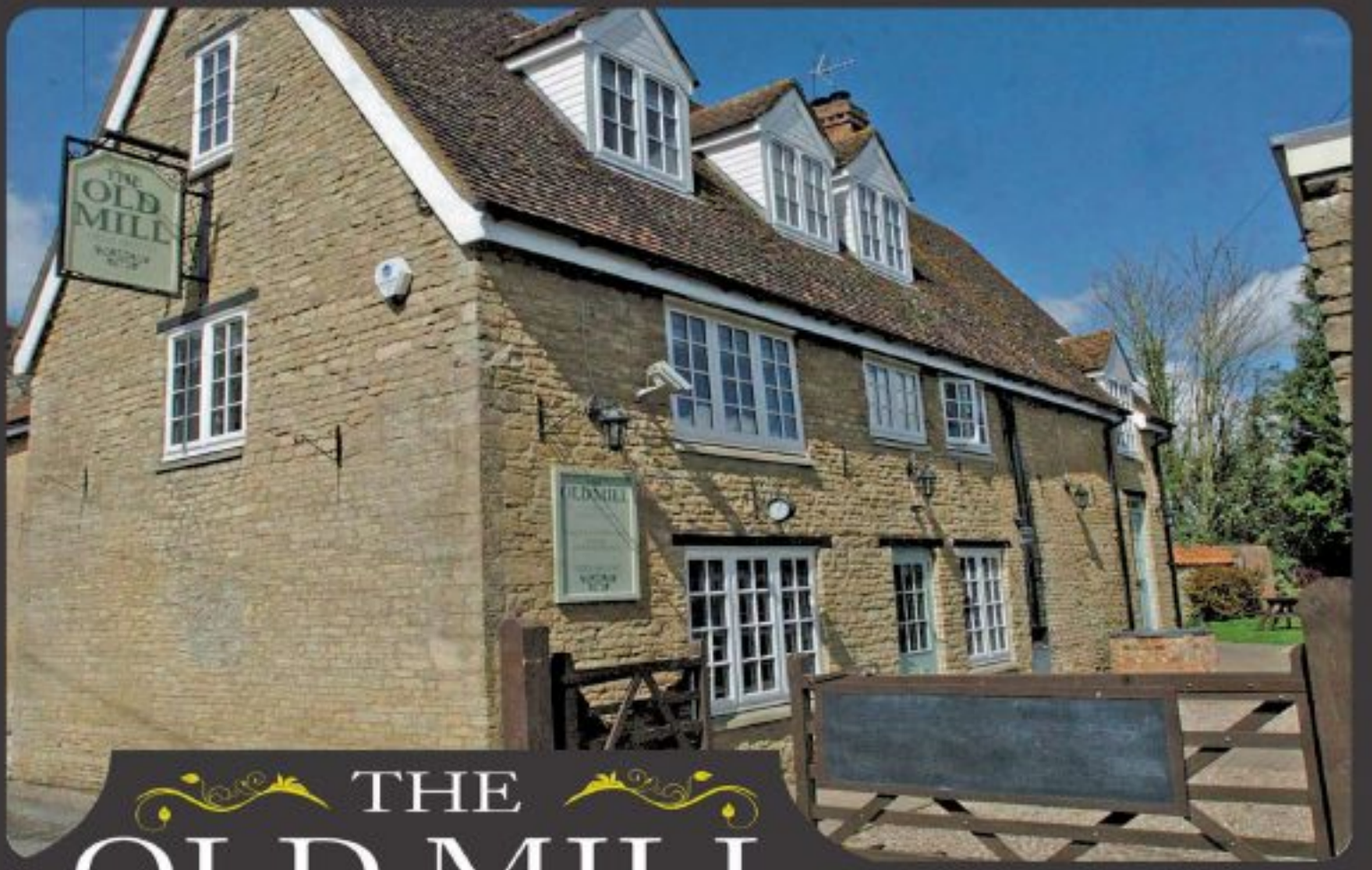

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If you've got any broken electrical items you'd like to get rid of, come along to a one-day recycling event being held at **The National Bowl (North Car Park) on Friday, 6 June, 8am to 3.30pm.** All types of business and household electronic waste will be accepted and staff will be on hand to help with unloading.

The event is being hosted by the European Recycling Platform (ERP), supported by Milton Keynes Council, as part of a drive to increase the amount of electronic waste that is recycled.

Last September, businesses, colleges, schools and residents in Milton Keynes collected a staggering 7.8 tonnes of e-waste for recycling and we hope to match this amount at our next event.

Electronic waste is still the fastest growing waste stream in the UK. The materials used to make electronic goods are valuable and can be used to make new products. Recycling protects the environment and stops e-waste going to landfill. Currently, UK recycling is estimated to save more than 18 million tonnes of CO_2 a year – the equivalent of taking 5 million cars off the road!

Andy Hudson, the council's Head of Environment and Waste, said: "The take up at our previous event was terrific and clearly demonstrates that if you make it very easy for people to recycle items such as old televisions, then they will respond.

"Residents can already recycle electronic waste free of charge at our three Community Recycling Centres, but this event will also help local businesses to recycle, especially smaller businesses that may not have regular collections of e-waste. I would encourage everyone to have a good clear-out and take full advantage of this day."

All electrical waste collected will be recycled and treated in the UK to recover the metals and plastics which they contain, and the recovered materials will be sent on to manufacturers and used to make new products.

Items we'll accept include computers, monitors, mobile phones, video players, games consoles, microwaves, dishwashers, fridges, ovens, battery operated toys, power tools, electric kettles, televisions, electric heaters, radios and MP3 players, and of course anything else with a plug or batteries.

Key Facts on E-Waste

- Electronic waste is the fastest growing waste stream in the UK.
- Around 1.5 million tonnes of electronic goods were sold in 2012, over 23 kg per person.
- In 2012, about 505,000 tonnes of e-waste was collected and recycled, around 34% by weight of the EEE sold.
- The rest ended up in landfill or is still in people's homes.
- On average, each person in the UK recycled 8 kg of e-waste in 2012.

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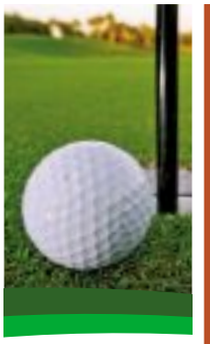

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COLLECTORMANIA Milton Keynes 21 is taking place this weekend.

This time it will be in both the new arena and stadiummk in MK1.

Collectormania 21 promises to bring you some of your favourite stars from TV, film, comics and sports as well as a whole host of activities including photoshoots,panels, autograph sessions and hundreds of stalls full of TV and film memorabilia.

Those in attendance include Sylvester McCoy from Doctor Who and The Hobbit, Tony Todd from Star Trek, Joe Dempsie from Game of Thrones, Kenny Baker from Star Wars and Snooker player Neil Robertson. The event is open from 9am to 6pm Friday to Sunday.

There is no admission charge or tickets needed and parking is free so you can just turn up and enjoy.

To manage the busier queues for autographs a virtual queuing system will be in operation - people should check on arrival for availability. Autographs are also free, but the earlier you arrive the better. Tickets for photographs with the stars can be purchased in advance at www.collectormania.com

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Tickets cost £5, or £3 for concessions. To book, call 01908 676900.

Saturday Live Music at the Gallery sees a host of bands on stage, including Brighton duo MYYTHS, Sunwolf and Winter Isle.

Tickets are £4 on the door and the gig starts at 7.30pm.

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freebuffet

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theatreclassic

OUR Country's Good by Timberlake Wertenbaker is coming to Stantonbury Theatre.

The play tells the true story of the first penal colony in Australia and a young, ambitious lieutenant, Ralph Clark, who agrees to direct a play with the convicts in the main roles as a means of getting noticed. Against all the odds, the play is performed and changes lives for the better.

The show will take place from Wednesday to Saturday at 7.30pm. There will also be a Saturday matinee at 2pm.

Tickets cost £12 and £10 for concessions. Call the box office on 01908 324466 to book.

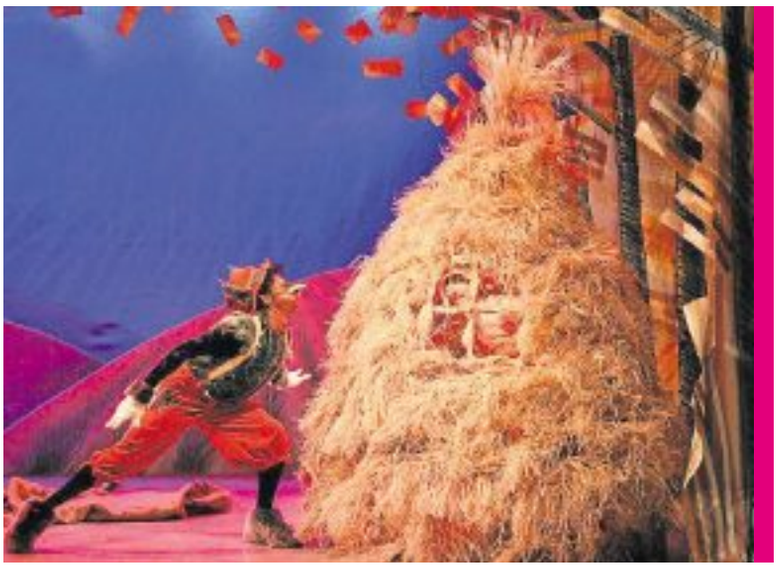
fridayfolk

STAGE Two at The Stables will play host to some great folk on Friday.

Jack McNeill and Charlie Heys have returned with new album Any Other Morning, a collection of songs forged from fresh sounds, stories and new instrumental textures.

And their live performances promise to 'take you on a journey from the deepest lakeland valley to the places where buzzards soar and foxes creep through the dawn'.

It's quite a statement, so find out for yourself. Tickets for the 8.45pm show cost £10 in advance from www.stables.org or £12 on the door.



threepigs

TAKE your children along to one of two workshops inspired by Northern Ballet's Three Little Pigs.

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The workshops, this Friday at 10am and noon, are suitable for ages 18 months to five years and children must be accompanied by an adult.

Tickets cost £4 at www.atgtickets.com/shows/three-little-pigs-workshop/milton-keynes-theatre/

The Three Little Pigs production takes place at 11.30am and 1.30am on Friday and lasts approximately 35 minutes.

It tells the story of the three little pigs through the magic of live ballet, music and theatre.

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dualguitars

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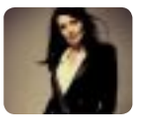

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deadend

I TUNED in to BBC Three drama In The Flesh and I have to say I was a bit disappointed, writes Scott Kirk.

The story is about zombies being reintroduced back into society following an uprising, with certain people suffering from Partially Deceased Syndrome. It's a brilliant concept for a programme and I tuned in hoping for a British version of The Walking Dead.

Unfortunately, it was all a bit boring, which I didn't think could be possible for a programme about zombies.

It was more political than I would have liked and it just didn't grab me.

Maybe I should try watching the first series before the second, but I was hoping that I would just be able to tune in.

Ah well, you can't win them all!

balletdream

MILTON Keynes welcomes back one of its own when Sean Bates comes to town for the Northern Ballet's A Midsummer Night's Dream.

Sean, who will be watched by several friends and family during the performances, which run from May 20 to 24, plays Puck and he believes a Midsummer Night's Dream is perfect for first-time ballet watchers.

"I think with the comedy value in the story, you can understand the storyline from it," Sean said.

"Milton Keynes is one of the best theatres we tour to and obviously it's nice having people you know in the audience.

"There's always a great home crowd and it's great to come back here following the show last year because there is such a good fanbase in MK."

Tickets cost between £12 and £37.50.

To book visit www.atgtickets.com/miltonkeynes

MK-BASED recording artist JAMIE STIMPSON, pictured right, writes his latest column for MK LIFE. Here he talks about getting back in the studio

IT HAS been a great couple of months for us.

The release of Hypnotized went well and it gave us a nice boost ready for the summer.

We were straight back into the studio working on new material and we believe we have made our best tune yet.

We have already had feedback from industry friends who are genuinely excited about it, so we are feeling positive for the coming months.

We are going to be shooting a video for the next single with our good friends TimeCodePro. They are a brilliant group of people who started at the bottom (as did we) but have now climbed their way to working worldwide with some of the biggest companies.

We will be playing a gig at Cosgrove Park on May 25 and then we are making our way back to RAF Brize Norton to play a secret gig on base. We did this year last year with Lee Nelson and it was such a good experience.

We are excited to have been invited back. We would love to make the date public but because of high security, we are not allowed!

We are also going to be headlining the Henry Allen family fun day on July 27.

Please keep spreading the word and thanks again to Milton Keynes for getting behind us.

Your essential guide to events big and small throughout Milton Keynes

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afterhours

EXPLORE the Cowper and Newton Museum at night with an exclusive opening on Saturday.

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springfete

HULA Animal Rescue is holding its Fete and Dog Show this Sunday.

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Admission is £2 for adults and £1 for children.

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greenfingers

GET a spring in your step at thecentre:mk Garden Show at Middleton Hall this weekend.

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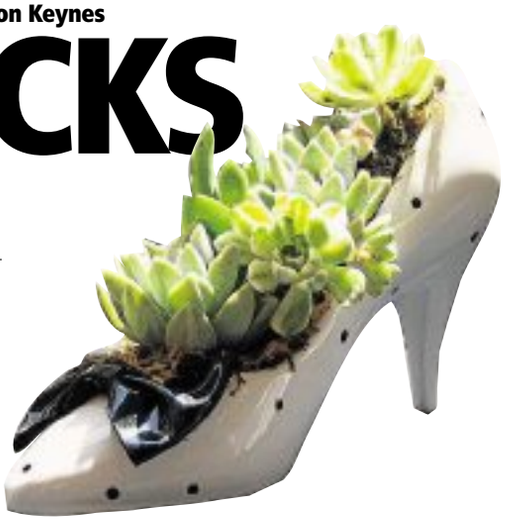

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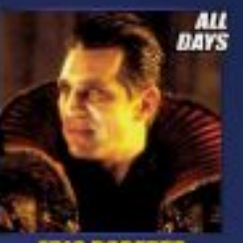

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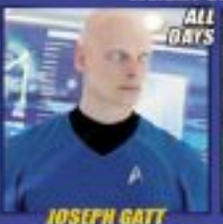

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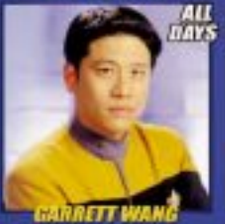

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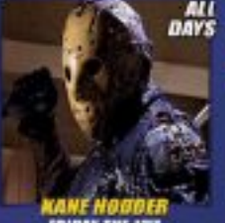

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PROPERTY NEWS

Wednesday, May 14, 2014

Moulsoe

THIS charming, Grade II listed detached cottage is available for sale in a stunning position in this village.

The fully enclosed plot includes a private gated driveway suitable for parking multiple vehicles as well as a double carport.

Additionally the grounds boast a private and sizable wrap-around garden; the rear of which is south facing. Other benefits include a separate one bedroom annexe, a workshop and beautiful field views.

The main home offers a wealth of character features including two stunning inglenook fireplaces and real wood beams. There is a blend of old and new with a modern kitchen and under floor heating to the family room coupled with exposed stonework and immaculate thatch to the rear of the building.

The accommodation of the main house briefly comprises entrance hall, lounge, family room, TV room, dining room, kitchen, family bathroom, four bedrooms and shower room.

The property is on the market for £825,000. To find out more, or to arrange a viewing, contact Taylors Executive Homes on 01908 483 616.

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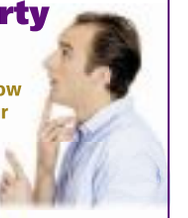

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A substantial and very well presented four bedroom detached residence set on a larger than average plot in the sought after location of Woolstone. Offering a village feel, peaceful setting and flexible living space. Large driveway for multiple cars.

£795,000

Loughton

- Detached Georgian Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Five Reception Rooms
- Four Bathrooms
- Garden
- Double Garage & Parking

An exceptional Georgian style property available for sale in the very popular location of 'Loughton'. This sizeable family home has a very large and private back garden and also boasts a double garage and parking.

£700,000

Great Holm

- Five Bedrooms
- Three/Four Reception Rooms
- Bathroom & Two En-Suites
- Conservatory
- Kitchen & Utility Room
- Ample Garden

This versatile, split-level; detached house in the popular location of 'Great Holm' is pleasantly positioned on this secluded and generous plot. The family home benefits from a large driveway suitable for parking up to five vehicles leading up to a double garage.

£550,000

Shenley Brook End

- Five Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Study & Utility Room
- Kitchen /Breakfast Room
- Bathroom & Two En-Suite
- Conservatory

This versatile detached property is situated in the sought after school catchment area of Shenley Brook End. To the front of the property is a double driveway leading to the detached double garage. The private enclosed rear garden is mainly lawn.

£490,000

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Moulsoe **£825,000**

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- One Bedroom Annexe
- Family Bathroom & Shower Room
- Family Room & TV Room
- South Facing Rear Garden
- Private Gated Driveway

Ridgmont **£795,000**

- Five Bedrooms
- Detached Property
- Detached Annexe
- Close to Conservation Area
- Countryside Views
- Villiage Location
- Sought After Location
- Easy Acess to Junction 13 of the M1

Milton Keynes **£675,000**

- Five Double Bedroom Detached Property
- Kitchen/Breakfast/Dining Room
- Four Reception Rooms
- Three Bathrooms
- Utility & Cloakroom
- Two Balconies
- Private Driveway Parking
- Double Garage

Middleton **£650,000**

- Five Bedroom Detached Property
- Open Plan Kitchen/Breakfast/Family Room
- Open Plan Lounge/Dining Room
- En-Suite to Master Bedroom
- Dressing Room to Bedroom Two
- Family Bathroom
- Font & Rear Landscaped Gardens
- Driveway & Double Garage

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Willen **£700,000**

- Detached Property
- Five Bedrooms
- Four/Five Reception Rooms
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Dining Room
- Lounge Conservatory
- Conservatory
- Bathroom & En-Suite

Selworthy **£665,000**

- Detached Property
- Six Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Double Garage
- Large Rear Garden
- Cul-de-Sac Location
- Gas Central Heating
- Private Rear Garden

Thorneycroft Lane **£625,000**

- Detached Property
- Four Storeys
- Five Bedrooms
- Four Reception Rooms
- Lounge Balcony
- Four Bathrooms
- Garden
- Off Road Parking

Newport Pagnell **£499,950**

- Detached Proeprty
- Four Bedrooms
- Re-fitted Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Open Plan Dining Room
- Double Garage
- Private Rear Garden
- Potential Annexe
- Close to High Street

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Pennyland £325,000
- Spacious Townhouse
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Garage & Mooring Rights
- Off Road Parking

Kents Hill £310,000
- Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner & Kitchen
- Three Reception Rooms
- Cloakroom

Campbell Park £250,000
- Well Presented Townhouse
- Four Bedrooms
- Lounge & Kitchen/Diner
- Residents Parking
- Balcony & Communal Gardens

Bancroft £240,000
- Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Conservatory & Gardens
- Driveway & Garage

Walnut Tree £225,000
- Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Conservatory
- Off Road Parking

Oldbrook £235,000
- Link Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Gardens & Garage

Walnut Tree £220,000
- Well Presented Three Bedroom Property
- Lounge/Kitchen/Diner & Conservatory
- Family Bathroom
- Off Road Parking

Great Linford £209,995
- Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Off Road Parking

Springfield £200,000
- Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Recception Rooms
- Off Road Parking

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Ashland £379,995

- Detached Property
- Five Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Gardens
- Off Road Parking

Bolbeck Park £235,000

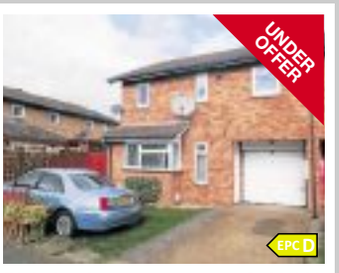
- Link Detached Bungalow
- Two Bedrooms
- Garden & Garage
- No Onward Chain

Milton Keynes £220,000

- Top Floor Apartment
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge & Kitchen
- Residents Parking

Stantonbury Fields £215,000

- Link Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Garage Parking



Blakelands £180,000

- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Integral Garage

Heelands £175,000

- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking

Pennyland £170,000

- Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Gardens & Parking

Bradwell Common £160,000

- Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Residents Parking
- Cul-de-Sac Location

Eaglestone £160,000

- End Terracced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Gardens & Garage

Conniburrow £135,000

- Over 55's Bungalow
- Two Bedrooms
- Parking
- Communal Gardens

Heelands £130,000

- First Floor Maisonette
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Off Road Parking

Two Mile Ash £112,995

- Ground Floor Apartment
- One Bedroom
- Residents Parking
- No Chain

Fishermead £110,000

- Two Bedroom Apartment
- Lounge/Diner
- Garage Parking
- No Chain

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Cosgrove **£450,000**

- Semi Detached Property
- Two Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Exposed Beams
- Three WC's
- Off Road Parking

Stacey Bushes **£175,000**

- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Lounge & Dining Room
- Front & Rear Gardens
- Garage Parking

Heelands **£180,000**

- Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge & Kitchen/Diner
- Utility Room
- Front & Rear Gardens

New Bradwell **£165,000**

- Semi Detached Property
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Rear Garden

Bradville **£140,000**

- End Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge & Dining Area
- Front & Rear Gardens

Hartwell **£190,000**

- Sold in 24 Hours
- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Breakfast Room

Castlethorpe **£135,000**

- First Floor Flat
- Two Double Bedrooms
- One Reception Room
- Fitted Kitchen

Greenleys **£125,000**

- Terraced Property
- Two Double Bedrooms
- Garage & Parking Area
- No Upper Chain

Castlethorpe **£100,000**

- One Bedroom Maisonette
- Lounge
- Off Road Parking
- No Onward Chain

Old Stratford **£85,000**

- Studio Apartment
- Open Plan Living Space
- Viewing Recommended
- Communal Gardens

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Westcroft 01908 850984

Westcroft £310,000
- Extended Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Re-fitted Kitchen/Diner
- En-Suite to Master Bedroom
- Driveway, Garage & Gardens

Redwood Gate £210,000
- First Floor Two Bedroom Apartment
- Galleried Mezzanine Area
- Lounge/Diner
- En-Suite to Master Bedroom
- Gated Parking & Communal Gardens

Bletchley £255,000
- Three/Four Bedroom Townhouse
- Fitted Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Utility Room & Lounge/Diner
- En-Suite to Master Bedroom
- Landscaped Rear Garden

Bletchley £245,000
- Semi Detached Property
- Reception Room/Bathroom
- Three Bedrooms
- Garden
- Off Road Parking

Bletchley £70,000
- Leasehold Maisonette
- Two Bedrooms
- 50% Share Available
- Popular Waterside Development
- Close to Local Amenities

Furzton £375,000
- Four Bedroom Detached Property
- Three Bathrooms
- En-Suite to Master Bedroom
- Driveway, Garage & Gardens

Furzton £205,000
- Three Bedroom Terraced Property
- Kitchen/Diner
- Off Road Parking & Garage
- No Chain

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- Garage & Enclosed Gardens

Bletchley £155,000
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- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Front & Rear Gardens

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Newport Pagnell 01908 850979

Great Linford £310,000
- Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Three Rreception Rooms
- Three Bathrooms
- Off Road Parking

Great Linford £245,000
- Semi Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Garage
- Ideal Family Home
- Well Presented

Stoke Goldington £215,000
- Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Garage & Garden
- Resident Parking

Chicheley £200,000
- Three Bedrooms
- Entrance
- Kitchen/Lounge
- Cloakroom/Bathroom
- Conservatory

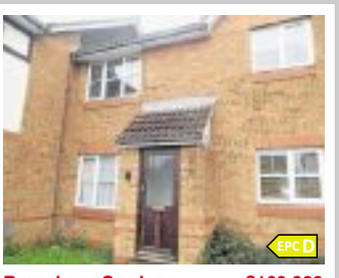
Newport Pagnell £245,000
- Semi Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Conservatory

Great Linford £209,950
- Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Off Road Parking
- Garden

Chicheley £200,000
- End Terraced Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Lounge & Conservatory
- Front & Rear Gardens

Newport Pagnell £185,000
- Semi Detached Property
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Off Road Parking & Gardens

Redhouse Park £165,000
- Detached Coach House
- Two Bedrooms
- Two Bathrooms
- Off Road Parking



Barnsbury Gardens £160,000
- Terraced Property
- Two Bedrooms
- Ideal First Time Buy
- No Chain

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Old Farm Park **£325,000**

- Extended Detached Property
- Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Popular Location
- Fitted Kicthen/Breakfast Room
- Fitted Family Bathroom
- Attractive Gardens
- Call Branch for Details

Tunbridge Grove **£220,000**

- Three Bedrooms
- Semi Detached Property
- Garage
- Garden
- Double Glazed

Browns Wood **£180,000**

- End Terraced Property
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge/Diner
- Popular Location
- Garden & Off Road Parking

Woburn Sands **£175,000**

- Terraced Property
- Two Bedrooms
- Lounge & Kitchen/Breakfast Room
- Garden & Sought After Location
- Close to Local Amenities

Ropley Way **£319,995**

- Four Bedrooms
- Two Reception Rooms
- Two Bathrooms & Two En-Suites
- Garage & Rear Garden

Ropley Way **£290,000**

- Four Bedrooms
- Separate Dining Room
- Kitchen & Utility room
- Two En-Suites

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Seaton Grove **£235,000**

- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Kitchen/Diner
- Popular Location

Laxfield Drive **£200,000**

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Milton Keynes £195,000

A two double bedroom semi detached property situated on Fortescue Drive in Shenley Church End. The property comprises lounge diner, kitchen, family bathroom, driveway and garage.

Heelands £130,000

A two bedroom first floor maisonette briefly comprises lounge, dining area, re-fitted kitchen, two double bedrooms, bathroom and front garden.

Crownhill £225,000

A three bedroom detached property. Comprising kitchen/diner, separate lounge and private rear garden.

Conniburrow £165,000

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Bradwell Common £160,000

A fantastic three bedroom terraced propery located in the popular location of Bradwell Common with CMK and the train station close by.

Beanhill £150,000

A three double bedroom bungalow situated in the popular location of Beanhill. Comprises kitchen/diner, lounge, WC, shower room, parking for several cars and a private rear garden.

Medbourne £70,000

Situated in the popular area of Medbourne, offering a short walk to Grange Farm Shops and close to Westcroft Shopping Centre. With brick wall enclosed communal garden, gated rear access and bike shed.

Milton Keynes £68,000

A two bedroom semi detached property with a shared ownership scheme located in the popular Shenley Lodge area. Offers off road parking and garden.

Oldbrook £65,000

A well presented split level maisonette situated in the popular location of Oldbrook with close proximity to shops, schools and restaurants offered for sale on the popular shared ownership scheme.

Bradwell £56,000

A three bedroom property situated in Bradwell, Milton Keynes. The accommodation is set over two floors and comprises lounge diner,re-fitted, kitchen, three bedrooms and off road parking.

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Emerson Valley £48,000

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Oldbrook £33,000

One bedroom ground floor flat on the shared ownership scheme with Milton Kenynes council. The property briefly comprises kitchen/diner/lounge, bathroom and a carport.

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Property of the week

Middleton £650,000

A five bedroom detached family home located in the popular location of Middleton. With superb school catchments and fantastic local facilities.

Kents Hill £410,000

Located within the sought after cul-de-sac location of Kents Hill, a fantastic four bedroom detached family home. Boasting a re-fitted kitchen and spacious lounge/diner with doors onto the garden.

Kents Hill £385,000

A four bedroom detached home, located in a cul-de-sac location within Kents Hill. Comprises lounge, dining room, four bedrooms and attractive rear garden.

Two Mile Ash £375,000

This substantial double fronted four bedroom detached family home set within a cul-de-sac comprising of similar styled and sized properties is offered for sale by Wilson Peacock Milton Keynes.

Aspley Guise £300,000

Full of character features including stable doors, open fire places and a traditional kitchen this property offers both space and luxury with gas central heating.

Pennyland £270,000

Located within short distance to Central Milton Keynes, Wilson Peacock. This property benefits from re-fitted kitchen, bathroom, en-suite, WC and new carpets and four bedrooms.

Bletchley £265,000

Located within the sought after location of Mill Road, Bletchley, this three bedroom detached property offers a great sized rear garden and three double bedrooms.

Newport Pagnell £295,000

A well presented home situated on the poets in Newport Pagnell. The property briefly comprises entrance hall, three reception rooms, conservatory and four bedrooms.

Newport Pagnell £220,000

A three bedroom family home situated in Newport Pagnell. The property benefits from gas central heating, driveway, garage and school catchment for the excellent ousedale secondary school.

Newport Pagnell £149,995

A one bedroom, freehold home offering off road parking and a good sized rear garden. Comprises kitchen lounge/diner, bedroom and bathroom.

Milton Keynes £415,000

A four bedroom detached family home situated in a quiet cul-de-sac. The property has been fully renovated over the years by the current owner and boasts a modern European luxury theme.

Newport Pagnell £190,000

A three bedroom family home situated in Newport Pagnell, the property benefits from short walks to local amenities school catchment for Ousedale,Green Park and other excellent local schools.

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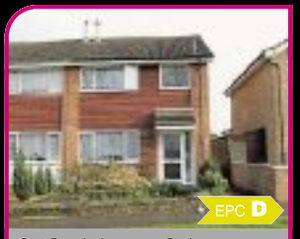

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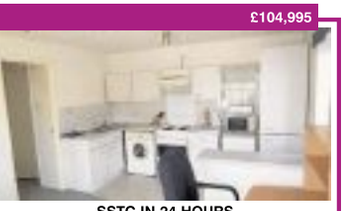

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- an ability to work as part of a team
- a positive attitude with good communication skills
- a keen interest to play a full part in the life of the school community

KS1 Class Teacher

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This post will initially be based in Key stage 1.

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- be flexible and enthusiastic
- motivate and inspire children, offering both challenge and enjoyment
- demonstrate a positive attitude and good communication skills
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Further details and application forms are available to collect from the School Office, alternatively please send a large SAE envelope to the school. Visits to the school are welcome.

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Further details and application packs for all school vacancies are available on the school website. Visits to the school are encouraged, by appointment.

Closing date for applications: Noon on Thursday 15th May 2014

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Closing date for applications: Noon on Monday 19th May 2014

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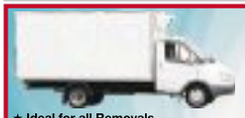

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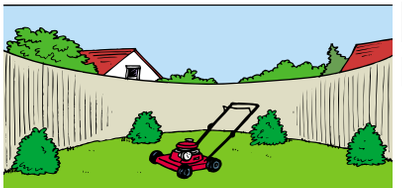

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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES - ALTERATIONS TO PARKING PLACES WITHIN CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 14 May 2014 made 4 Traffic Regulation Orders under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 in relation to Central Milton Keynes. The Orders, the titles of which are recited at the end of this Notice, vary existing parking restrictions and introduce new parking and waiting restrictions, and will affect all classes of motor vehicles. The Orders, which come into effect on 15 May 2014, have the following effects within parts of the roads stated below:-

- The introduction of additional Electric Vehicles parking bays in CMK, some of which are to be of dual use with Disabled Persons' Vehicles parking bays, and some of which are to be of dual use with Standard Rate and Premium Rate Pay & Display parking bays along parts of Silbury Boulevard, Midsummer Boulevard, Avebury Boulevard, Secklow Gate, Lower Fourth Street and Saxon Gate;
- The variation of some Standard Rate and Premium Rate Pay & Display only parking bays to accommodate Electric Vehicle parking in parts of Silbury Boulevard, Midsummer Boulevard, Avebury Boulevard, Secklow Gate, Lower Fourth Street and Saxon Gate;
- The variation of Disabled Persons' Vehicles parking bays in Silbury Boulevard;
- The introduction of Disabled Persons' Vehicles parking bays to accommodate dual parking with Electric Vehicles in Silbury Boulevard;
- The variation of some Free parking bays within Avebury Boulevard to accommodate Electric Vehicles Only *whilst charging* parking bays for the whole 24 hours of every day.
- The variation of some Electric Vehicle parking bays between 7 am and 6 pm within parts of Avebury Boulevard, Midsummer Boulevard and Silbury Boulevard to Electric Vehicles Only *whilst charging* parking bays for the whole 24 hours of every day.

All classes of vehicle are affected by the Orders. Exemptions include emergency services and military vehicles, statutory undertakers, building, demolition and excavation, and disabled persons' badge holders and some others.

Copies of each Order, maps showing the affected roads, any Orders to be varied or revoked by the proposals and the Council's Statement of Reasons for proposing the Orders may be viewed at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes between 9.00 am and 5.00 pm on any working day, and at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes during normal opening hours.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Orders or any provision contained in the Orders on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act, or on the grounds that any requirement of the Act or any Instrument made under the Act has not been complied with may, within six weeks from the date on which the Orders were made, apply to the High Court for that purpose.

Order Titles

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES) (ON-STREET STANDARD RATE PAY AND DISPLAY, PAY BY MOBILE PHONE AND ELECTRIC VEHICLE PARKING PLACES AND VARIOUS PERMITS) ORDER 2013) VARIATION ORDER 2014

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES) (ON-STREET PREMIUM RATE AND LONG STAY PAY AND DISPLAY, PAY BY MOBILE PHONE AND ELECTRIC VEHICLE PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2013) VARIATION ORDER 2014

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES) (ON-STREET FREE AND ELECTRIC VEHICLE PARKING PLACES) VARIATION ORDER 2014

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES) (ON-STREET DISABLED PERSONS' AND ELECTRIC VEHICLE PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2014

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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (FENNY STRATFORD LEVEL CROSSING AND PARTS OF SIMPSON ROAD) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has on 14 May 2014 made an Order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 because works are to be carried out, namely the annual inspection and maintenance of Fenny Stratford level crossing. The effect of the Order is to temporarily prohibit all vehicular traffic from proceeding along those parts of Simpson Road, Fenny Stratford, Milton Keynes running for a distance of 20 metres either side of Fenny Stratford level crossing, together with the level crossing itself. It is anticipated that the closure will be in effect from 00.05 am until 04.00 am on Tuesday 20 May 2014 inclusive. The affected lengths of road and level crossing will re-open sooner if the works are complete and it is safe to do so.

The alternative route will be via Simpson Road, Staple Hall Road, Bilton Road, Watling Street and Simpson Road and vice versa.

There are no exemptions from the provisions of the Order except for emergency services vehicles and military vehicles on operational duties.

The Order comes into operation on 20 May 2014 and will continue in force for a period of up to a maximum of 18 months or until the said works have been completed, whichever is the earlier. If the works are not completed within the period stated, a further order may be made.

Any person committing a breach of the Order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

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The following applications may be inspected at the Planning, Economy and Development Department, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Representations, if any, to be submitted in writing to the above address within 21 days of the publication of this notice.

SECTION 73	**WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**
14/00713/OUT	Erection of 2 bedroom detached bungalow on garden land at 14 School Lane, Sherington
14/00720/FUL	Removal of rear garden wall and replacement with a bi folding wooden gate to provide vehicle access for one car at 35 Buckingham Street, Wolverton
14/00808/FUL	Single storey extensions to front, side and rear at 4 Holt Grove, Loughton
14/00843/ADV	Advertisement consent for 2 fascia signs at 1 Aspley Hill, Woburn Sands
14/00862/TCA	Notification of intention to fell 1x Poplar (T13); Crown reduce by 30%, thin and dead wood, crown lift by 6 metres of 1x Oak (T14); Crown raise and reduce back to 4 metres, reduce height by 30% and shape back, to area of Yew trees (T15); Remove lower 2 limbs and reduce higher limbs by crown reduction of 30% to 1x Ash (T16); Crown lift to 6 metres 1x Ash and 1x Sycamore (T17); Fell 1x Ash (T18); Crown lift to 5 metres 2x Yew trees (T19); Fell 1x Sycamore (T20) at The Old Rectory, 16 School Lane, Sherington
14/00876/FUL	Variation of condition 2 (limited period) attached to 11/01155/FUL for an additional 3 years permission at 8B Church Road, Sherington
14/00949/TPO	Tree preservation order consent to fell 1 x Horse Chestnut tree at 7 Brickhill Manor Court, Little Brickhill
14/01003/TCA	Notification of intention to fell one pine tree at 5 Manor Close, Milton Keynes Village
SECTION 67 & 73	**AFFECTING THE SETTING OF A LISTED BUILDING WITHIN A CONSERVATION AREA**
14/00799/FUL	Renewal of roof coverings and rainwater goods to Block A,B,E (part), canopy to Hut 12, and roof over oil store by Hut 4; renewal of door set and widen door to Block A north porch; redecoration of Block A,B,E; renewal of external lighting to Block A,B,E; removal of path from north road to Block A porch; removal of ramp, widen path to 1200mm, pave area to the south of Block A north porch (retrospective) at Bletchley Park, Sherwood Drive, Bletchley
14/00800/LBC	Listed building consent for the renewal of roof coverings and rainwater goods to Block A,B,E (part), canopy to Hut 12, and roof over oil store by Hut 4; renewal of door set and widen door to Block A north porch; redecoration of Block A,B,E; renewal of external lighting to Block A,B,E; removal of path from north road to Block A porch; removal of ramp, widen path to 1200mm, pave area to the south of Block A north porch (retrospective) at Bletchley Park, Sherwood Drive, Bletchley
14/00885/TPO	Tree preservation order consent to fell two Beech trees (T75 and T138) at Bletchley Park, Sherwood Drive, Bletchley
14/00888/FUL	Relocation of vehicular access gate at 2 Bridge Street, Olney
14/00919/TPO	Tree preservation order consent to pollard 12 x Lime trees (G1) and remove epicormic growth to a height of 3m at Stratford House, Mill Lane, Stony Stratford
14/01039/TPO	Notification of intention to remove lateral lower limbs, crown lift to 6 metres with overall 30% crown reduction of 1x Ash (T8); Fell due to age 2x Willow trees (T9m T10); Crown lift to 6 metres, deadwood and thin, 30% crown reduction of 1x Oak (T11); Crown lift to 8 metres and remove lateral limb over road of 1x Sycamore (T12); Crown lift to 4 metres, height reduction of 20% and shape on house side of group of Yew trees (G3) at The Old Rectory, 16 School Lane, Sherington
SECTION 67	**LISTED BUILDING**
14/00845/FUL	Installation of dormer window at 40 Tathall End, Hanslope
14/00846/LBC	Listed building consent for the installation of dormer window and replacement roof tiles at 40 Tathall End, Hanslope
14/00911/FUL	Single storey rear extension at First Thatch, Newport Road, Moulsoe
14/00912/LBC	Listed building consent for single storey rear extension at First Thatch, Newport Road, Moulsoe

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT (AS AMENDED)
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT
(DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURES) ORDER 2010
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13
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14/00798/FUL	Development of a 0.19 ha overflow car park area including hard surfacing and secure boundary treatment at Car Park Area, Delaware Drive, Tongwell
14/00914/MKCOD3	Variation of condition 8 (Secured by Design) attached to 13/00897/MKCOD3 at Priory Rise School, Bronte Avenue, Tattenhoe Park

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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES RESIDENTS, VISITORS, CARER AND BUSINESS PERMITS AND SPECIFIC PARKING PLACES, BLETCHLEY) ORDER 2005) VARIATION ORDER 2014

THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES

(THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES VARIOUS ROADS, CENTRAL BLETCHLEY AND FENNY STRATFORD) (PROHIBITION AND RESTRICTION OF WAITING AND STOPPING) ORDER 2005) VARIATION ORDER 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has, on the 13th May 2014, made the two above named Orders under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 which will affect all classes of vehicle and have the following effects on parts of Brooklands Road, Bletchley, Milton Keynes: -

An extension of the existing No Waiting at any Time restrictions along part of Brooklands Road, Bletchley along the western kerbline from its junction with Findlay Way;

Additional No Waiting at any Time restrictions along part of the western side of Brooklands Road, Bletchley;

The reduction and realignment of resident, carer and visitor permit parking places in Brooklands Road, Bletchley.

These Orders will come into effect from the 15th May 2014.

The classes of vehicle affected by the Orders are passenger vehicles, dual-purpose vehicles, goods vehicles, disabled persons' vehicles, mopeds and motorcycles. Exemptions from the Orders include: emergency service vehicles, statutory undertakers, some loading and unloading, building, demolition and excavation, disabled persons badge holders, and some others.

Copies of the Orders as made, together with maps showing the areas referred to may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes, Bletchley Library, Westfield Road, Bletchley and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes. Please quote reference WL/P&E/9107/TRO/2352.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any provision contained in the Order on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act, or on the grounds that any requirement of the Act or any Instrument made under the Act has not been complied with may, within six weeks from the date on which the Order was made, apply to the High Court for that purpose.

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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(FINGLE DRIVE (PARTS), STONEBRIDGE) (PROHIBITION OF WAITING) ORDER 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes has, on the 13th May 2014, made an Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 which will affect all classes of vehicle and have the following effects:

The introduction of no waiting at any time restrictions along some lengths of Fingle Drive, Stonebridge.

This Order will come into effect from the 15th May 2014.

The classes of vehicle affected by the Order are passenger vehicles, dual-purpose vehicles, goods vehicles, disabled persons' vehicles, mopeds and motorcycles. Exemptions from the Order include: emergency service vehicles, statutory undertakers, some loading and unloading, building, demolition and excavation, disabled persons badge holders, and some others.

Copies of the Order as made, together with a map showing the areas referred to may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes, Wolverton Library, Town Hall, Creed Street, Wolverton and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes.

Please quote reference WL/P&E/9181/TRO/2355.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any provision contained in the Order on the grounds that it is not within the powers conferred by the Road Traffic Regulation Act, or on the grounds that any requirement of the Act or any Instrument made under the Act has not been complied with may, within six weeks from the date on which the Order was made, apply to the High Court for that purpose.

14th May 2014

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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES
(MARKET PLACE, OLNEY)
(TEMPORARY CLOSURE) ORDER 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes for the purpose of facilitating the holding of a relevant event namely the 'Olney Motorama' which is being promoted by Bob Benbow, Secretary of Newport Pagnell and Olney Lions Club, intends to make an Order under Section 16A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, the effect of which will be to temporarily prohibit all vehicular access along both the eastern and southern sides of Market Place, Olney from their junctions with the High Street to their junctions with Silver End, Olney. It is anticipated that the closure will be in operation on Sunday 8th June 2014 between the hours of 7.30am and 5.30pm. The closure will be in effect when the appropriate signs are in place.

The alternative route for traffic will be via High Street, Holes Lane, East Street and Silver End, Olney and vice versa.

The proposed Order will come into operation on Sunday 8th June 2014 at 7.30 am and will continue in force for a maximum period of 3 days or until the completion of the relevant event, whichever shall be the earlier.

There shall be no exemptions from the provisions of the Order except for emergency service vehicles, military vehicles on operational duties and vehicles used in connection with the event.

A copy of the proposed Order, statement of reasons for making the Order and a map showing the areas referred to, may be inspected during opening hours at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Milton Keynes, at Olney Library, High Street, Olney and during normal office hours at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Central Milton Keynes, quoting reference number WL/P&E/009378/TCO/2370.

Any person committing a breach of the Order will be liable upon prosecution to such fine as is prescribed by the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984.

14th May 2014

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THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES (THE COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF MILTON KEYNES) (CENTRAL MILTON KEYNES) (OFF-STREET PAY AND DISPLAY AND PAY BY MOBILE PHONE PARKING PLACES AND DISABLED PERSONS PARKING PLACES) ORDER 2013) VARIATION ORDER 2014

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the Borough of Milton Keynes proposes to make the above named Traffic Regulation Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984. The proposed Order will affect all classes of motor vehicles and will have the following effects within some of the Off-Street car parks located within Central Milton Keynes:-

The introduction of specific permit and permit scratchcard parking for vehicles which display in the relevant position, one of the following, a valid:- Employee Permit, Employee Permit Scratch-Card, Hotel Guest and Conference Attendee Permit Scratch-Card, Low Emission Vehicle Permit or a Car Share Permit within the following off-street car parks located in the following roads within Central Milton Keynes:- South Sixth Street, Secklow Gate, South Second Street, Lower Fourth Street, Grafton Gate and Elder Gate, located to the rear of Elder House.

The introduction of limited parking for specific permit and permit scratchcard holders only for vehicles which display in the relevant position, one of the following, a valid:- Employee Permit, Employee Permit Scratch-Card, Hotel Guest and Conference Attendee Permit Scratch-Card, Low Emission Vehicle Permit or a Car Share Permit, between the hours of 7.00am and 8.30am every day of the week within the following off-street car parks located in the following roads within Central Milton Keynes:- South Second Street and Lower Fourth Street, Central Milton Keynes.

All classes of vehicle are affected by the proposed Order. Exemptions from some of these proposals include: emergency services vehicles, statutory undertakers, building, demolition and excavation and disabled persons' badge holders and some others.

A copy of the proposed Order, maps showing the affected roads and the Council's statement of reasons for proposing the Order may be viewed at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes between 9.00am and 5.00pm on any working day and at Milton Keynes Library, 555 Silbury Boulevard, Central Milton Keynes during normal opening hours. Orders to be varied or revoked by the proposals may be viewed at Milton Keynes Council, Civic Offices, 1 Saxon Gate East, Milton Keynes between 9.00am and 5.00pm on any working day.

Any objections to the proposals, together with the grounds on which they are made, must be **made in writing** and sent to the undersigned to be received no later than 5th June 2014 quoting reference WL/P&E/9283/TRO/2359

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A Bamford inspired first half of the season as Dons began play-off quest

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IN the first of a two-part review, sports reporter Scott Kirk looks back at a season in which MK Dons finished tenth in League One. This week, we see how Dons did from August until December.

You beauty: Patrick Bamford celebrates scoring against Notts County in September

AUGUST

AFTER a drab encounter with Shrewsbury Town in a 0-0 draw on the opening day on August 3, the first month of the season was very positive.

Dons went into the season by making sure they didn't mention the 'p' word following their failure to reach the play-offs the previous year, and expectations heading into the new campaign were kept purposely low by a side looking to fly under the radar.

That first game of the season perhaps proved to manager Karl Robinson that youth would be the way forward for his side, and that was proven in the next league game when Chelsea loanee Patrick Bamford scored the only goal in a 1-0 win over Crewe Alexandra.

An impressive 2-2 draw at Preston North End followed, while Dons had the same scoreline with draw specialists Bristol City to keep them unbeaten in the early stages of the campaign.

That 2-2 draw with City marked the start of an incredible run throughout the season of former Dons players scoring against the stadiummk outfit, with Sam Baldock the first of many names who would score against his former club.

Others that followed included Ryan Lowe (Tranmere Rovers), Jabo Ibehre (Colchester United), David Amoo and Lewis Guy (Carlisle United), Charlie MacDonald (Oldham Athletic) and Filipe Morais (Stevenage).

August was capped with a fantastic 1-0 victory at fallen giants Sheffield United thanks to a late Antony Kay header as Dons were unbeaten in the league during the opening month.

Dons' adventure in the Capital One Cup also began and finished, with them knocking Northampton Town out in the first round 2-1, before a late comeback saw Premier League Sunderland overcome Dons 4-2 despite a spirited display from the underdogs. It later transpired that Sunderland played an ineligible player – Ji Dong-won – in their game against Dons, but the side that went on to reach the final of the competition were not punished.

SEPTEMBER

IT was September 21 when Dons suffered their first defeat of the campaign in the league – a 2-1 reverse at nine-man Peterborough United – the side that would eventually claim the final play-off berth.

Try as they might, Dons simply could not find their way through against a Posh side that defended superbly well.

Dons had impressed before that game, with 17-year-old Dele Alli bursting on to the scene as he scored in a 2-0 win over Northampton Town in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy.

Patrick Bamford was proving irrepressible when spearheading the Dons attack, and his goals certainly came in handy in the 1-1 draw with Swindon Town and the 3-1 success against Notts County.

He was keeping Izale McLeod out of the team with some sensational performances, and the Chelsea loanee was the main reason for Dons' success early in the season.

The boss: Manager Karl Robinson barks out instructions against Swindon

After the Peterborough setback, Dons bounced back with their biggest win of the season, 4-1 against Stevenage.

At the end of the month came an injury which manager Karl Robinson felt had a major impact on his side – Antony Kay's hip surgery, which saw him ruled out for three months.

OCTOBER

IT was a horrendous first start of the season for centre back Tom Flanagan on October 5 against Gillingham – the club who he helped win promotion to League One the previous year.

Within ten minutes of the game, he had conceded two penalties and was sent off.

Alan Smith was forced to play in defence and nearly found himself in goal after a Patrick Bamford double proved not to be enough as Dons lost 3-2.

The disappointment continued as Dons had a shocker in a 2-1 loss at Stevenage in the second round of the Johnstone's Paint Trophy, before the impressive Leyton Orient dispatched Dons 2-1 in league action in east London.

Bamford scored an absolute screamer as Dons turned Rotherham United over 3-2 in a superb win, and a success which perhaps highlighted the inconsistencies of Dons this season, with great wins followed by poor losses.

A terrible 1-0 home defeat to Carlisle United followed that impressive Millers win before a miserable October was completed with a 3-2 defeat at Tranmere Rovers.

NOVEMBER

THE month began with a solid 1-0 success over Walsall thanks to Shaun Williams, who was Dons' second top scorer before he moved to Millwall in January.

With the FA Cup being such a success for Dons in 2012-13, hopes were high that the stadiummk outfit could replicate that success.

Their journey began with a home tie against FC Halifax Town in the first round proper, and an easy 4-1 win saw Brendan Galloway score his first goal for Dons.

But the month turned sour after that win, with three successive defeats. Firstly came a 3-2 loss at home to a Nakhi Wells inspired Bradford City, before West Ham United loanee Jordan Spence scored in a disappointing 3-1 reverse at Colchester United.

The month tailed off thanks to a 3-1 defeat at home to Coventry City in front of 7,000 Sky Blues supporters.

DECEMBER

IN many people's eyes, December was the best month of the season for Dons.

They went on their most impressive run with four straight wins in the Christmas month, which began with an FA Cup second round 1-0 triumph over Dover Athletic.

It was a massive win in manager Karl Robinson's eyes, and with a trip to chairman Pete Winkelman's boyhood club Wolves next on the horizon, few people expected Dons to be able to get a result.

But not only did Dons get a result at Molineux, they convincingly outplayed a Wolves side that went on to only lose one more game at home all season.

It was that man Bamford who was at it again – scoring the first – while Ben Reeves showed plenty of promise as he followed up his goal against Dover with another in the 2-0 win.

Dons were flying by this point, and made it three in a row with a superb 3-0 win at home to Port Vale, a side who had surprised many by finding themselves chasing the play-offs.

Fine win: Ben Reeves celebrates his goal at Wolves with Darren Potter in December

Pictures: Andy Handley

Bamford capped a memorable December by scoring again in a very creditable 2-0 success at Crawley Town on Boxing Day, and while a 3-1 loss against title-chasing Brentford made a slight dent in Dons' excellent December form, Karl Robinson's men were back in the hunt for the play-offs.

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DANIEL Ricciardo claimed his first podium finish with Red Bull Racing at the Spanish Grand Prix on Sunday.

Ricciardo, who lost an appeal against the rescinded third place he gained in the first Grand Prix in Australia, started and finished in third in Barcelona to claim a place on the steps.

He was never going to catch the super-dominant Mercedes team, with Lewis Hamilton claiming his fourth successive victory from pole ahead of team-mate Nico Rosberg. Ricciardo, however, was delighted to be best of the rest for the Tilbrook outfit.

"For us it was a good result," said the Australian. "We knew we could not catch the Mercedes, but we believed we had better pace than the guys behind, so before the race we'd said that third was going to be a good day.

"It's nice to stand back up on the podium – I actually still feel a bit awkward up there, but I'm sure I will get more comfortable."

Reigning champion Sebastian Vettel suffered a torrid Saturday after qualifying in tenth, before being given an automatic five space grid penalty when a gearbox had to be changed on his car. But he soared up the field to finish fourth on Sunday, a position which he felt was as good as he could hope for.

Vettel now hopes that Red Bull can start catching up with the dominant Mercedes team soon.

"Hopefully, from our point of view, rather sooner than later we'll give them a hard time – that's our motivation," he said.

"I hope that in time we can catch up, and as I said start giving them a run for their money."

Christian Horner, team principal, added: "It was a great team performance.

"With the help of a strong strategy and great team work, including the fastest team pit stop of the day, Sebastian moved back up to fourth place and got the fastest lap, so all things considered, it was a positive race."

Hamilton's victory saw him go top of the overall drivers' standings with 100 points, three points ahead of German Rosberg.

Vettel is fourth in the standings on 45 points, four behind Ferrari's Fernando Alonso who is third. Ricciardo, meanwhile, is fifth, six points behind Vettel.

In the constructors' championship Red Bull remain second, but Mercedes' dominance in Spain has seen their lead at the top stretch to a massive 113 points.

The Monaco Grand Prix – often dubbed the jewel in the Formula One crown – is next on the calendar on May 25.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Tigers maul the Wolves

Revenge: Bedford beat Wolves to avenge their 9s defeat

BEDFORD Tigers gained revenge for their East 9s Championship defeat to MK Wolves last weekend by beating them 50-24 in the first game of the East Premier League season at Emerson Valley on Saturday.

MK spilled the ball after the first set of tackles and were punished by a swift try from Bedford which they converted to make it 6-0.

Wolves didn't let it faze them though and their pressure paid off when Michael Dean scooted over from close to the try line to bring the Wolves back level after he converted his own score.

The visitors re-took the lead for a 12-6 advantage but Wolves once again brought the scoreline level with an Ollie Fountain converted try in a game that was most definitely nip and tuck. MK continued to take the game to the Tigers with Scott Aspinall making a break, Brian Purcell again kicking deep into Tiger territory and then tackling a Bedford player into touch to win a scrum.

Both sides were then guilty of making errors and the experience of Bedford showed as they went six points clear with a try.

They reinforced their lead as they spread the ball wide and scored a quick-fire try in the corner to make the score 22-12.

Again Wolves came back despite losing Aspinall with a knee injury.

Milton Keynes took advantage of a penalty as Alistair Fothergill used his size and strength to score a try making the score 22-16, which was converted by Paul Dady. The conditions on the day were playing their part and MK faced a stiff wind and incline.

Wolves were placed under pressure and were making mistakes and Bedford forced a goal line drop out. Luckily for the Wolves, Bedford were penalised for a forward pass and they then enjoyed a good set of six tackles.

Bedford regained the ball though and after a series of runs by their forwards, spread it wide to score again for 28-18.

Tigers broke again for a 34-18 lead, and a long Wolves pass was intercepted to score a breakaway converted try for a 40-18 advantage. Ex-Tiger Stuart Tomkinson scored a try which Purcell converted to make it 40-24, but two further Bedford tries sealed it.

CRICKET

Trio of victories for Milton Keynes teams

Northants Cricket League

STONY Stratford failed to capitalise on last week's Burton Latimer victory as they succumbed to a seven-wicket defeat at the hands of Old Northamptonians.

Stony were put into bat after losing the toss and proceedings could not have begun any worse when Tom Moore was bowled by Tom Webb in the first ball of the innings.

Aussie Hayden Mullins was called upon early, but despite striking 62, he was given no support by his teammates as Stony crashed to 117 all out.

It took Old Northamptonians 26.2 overs to knock off that target.

Kevin Wijesinghe took all three wickets for the loss of 22 runs but it was not enough for victory.

Cherwell Cricket League

GREAT Brickhill had their match with Cumnor abandoned in Division One on opening weekend, and elsewhere in the league it was the same story for Wolverton Town who were due to face Oxford Downs.

Bletchley Town lost by four wickets to Banbury 3rds in Division Three.

Four Counties League

ALL three Milton Keynes sides won their games in Division One.

Milton Keynes CC won by 68 runs against Eaton Bray, Milton Keynes City defeated Eggington Foresters by seven wickets and New City (Milton Keynes) also beat Olney Town by seven wickets.

Defending champions North Crawley won yet again, this time by eight wickets at Biddenham, while in Division Two their second team defeated Cranfield University.

In Division Two there was also a win for Aspley Guise against Newport Pagnell, while New Bradwell lost to Bromham.

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ATHLETICS

POLE vaulter Rachel Gibbens rounded off an excellent week for Marshall Milton Keynes Athletic Club when she was selected to represent England at the Loughborough International.

Thomas Green returned to form with a PB of 29.38m in the wheelchair discus/club at the Cerebral Palsy Grand Prix meeting at Stoke Mandeville.

Leading the club home in 18th position in the first of the East Midlands Road Race series was Matthew Clarke, taking 35m 14s, while Mark Palser was next home in 31st.

In a newly formed track and field league, Milton Keynes finished nine points clear of old rivals Bedford with Cambridge & Coleridge a distant third.

The women were well clear of second placed Cambridge, with Biggleswade third. It was a tougher start to the season for the UK Women's League team in Division Two as they finished seventh in Cardiff.

Round two of the Welsh Ultra Series was supposed to be 50 miles and about 12,000 feet of climbing but the weather was so dire that the course was shortened to about 38 miles and around 10,000 feet. Over the much shorter multi-terrain Lymington 10k Jeremy Vick finished 8th in 37m 28m.

FOOTBALL

A 'SILENT' World Cup is taking place at Derwent Drive, West Bletchley on Thursday May 22 to promote the FA's Respect campaign, which aims to encourage positive praise from spectators and parents. The matches between the five teams, for girls and boys aged under ten years old, will take place between 6.30pm and 8pm. Any money raised will go towards Help for Heroes.

DRAGONBOAT RACING

THE city's Secklow Hundred club finished runners-up in the Plate final of the 500m in the first event of the season at Liverpool Watersports Centre. It was second again for the team in the 2,000m event.

KORFBALL

MK LAKERS will say aloha to Korfstock at Bletchley Rugby club on Saturday July 12. There is a Hawaiian theme to the event, and to enter a team, go to http://www.mklakers.co.uk/fixtures-results/korfstock-2014/.

CYCLING

FORMER Team Keynes cyclist Hannah Barnes finished eighth in the first FriendsLife Women's Tour last week. Monkston Park's Harriet Owen came home 75th in the overall tour.

SWIMMING

THERE were 14 gold medals and five county records broken by the City of Milton Keynes Swimming Club at the South East England Championships in Crawley and Guildford. There were excellent performances by the men's relay teams with both the Medley and Freestyle line-ups remaining on track to qualify for the National Championships in August.

BADMINTON

DENBIGH School were crowned national champions in the years ten and 11 boys category at the Center Parcs National Schools Badminton Championships.

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Robbo more than happy to give youth a chance

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YOUTH is most definitely the way forward for MK Dons manager Karl Robinson after midfielder Giorgio Rasulo and goalkeeper Charlie Burns signed on the dotted line for the club this week.

The young academy duo, who have both penned their first professional deals, are part of a conveyor belt of talent being produced in Milton Keynes, with midfielder Dele Alli and defender Brendan Galloway also high up on that list.

Robinson said he wants his young players to form the basis of the next chapter for the club.

"The way this season has gone it's very important to get some of these young players tied down," said Robinson. "We've obviously got Brendan, Dele, Harry Hickford and Will Summerfield so the production line is very hot at the moment and I couldn't be happier.

"I think we were going through transition last season and that's why we're playing these young players. We're building for the next few years now.

"There are some very gifted young players at the club and some of them need to reflect on how lucky they are because they're given a chance here and they're coached right here."

Robinson refused to be drawn on who in particular he had his eye on for next season, feeling that it was unfair to single out specific players at such an early stage of their career.

"It's a bit unfair to speak about which young players I think will make it over the next year," he said.

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Burns, baby, Burns: Keeper Charlie Burns (pictured) and Giorgio Rasulo have new deals with Dons, and youth is the way forward for Karl Robinson

"I know how talented they are and it's so unfair to put pressure on players at that level. Once they get into the first team I have to start putting pressure on them so you'll see me putting pressure on to Dele, Brendan and Giorgio because they're at that period of time when you need to see whether they can handle it or not."

The topic of young players coming through the ranks is prevalent at the moment, with the possibility of a 'League Three' being introduced by the FA which could see second teams of some of the Premier League's elite sides playing further down the football pyramid.

"And while Robinson says he is undecided over League Three, he is glad to see the issue being looked at, although he would be an advocate for bringing back the reserve league.

"I think it's great that we're trying to do something about it," he said.

"There are some really good English coaches out there that don't get the chance.

"I understand the concept but I can't see why the reserve league can't come back and give players experience through that. The problem is that we set our goals as Spain at their perfection stage but I'm happy we're raising the debate."

Tonight sees Dons U15s take on their Chelsea counterparts at stadiummk, with kick-off at 7pm.

One player who could feature is Hugo Logan, who represented England U17s at the Nordics Tournament last summer.

"There are some very talented players on show but we're up against a multi-million pound enterprise which is Chelsea," said Robinson. "You're looking at a team that have probably spent more on their academy in one year than we have in ten on our first team."

• Dons are due to announce their retained list of players before the weekend – see MK WEB for more.

Gunners to square off with Everton in Women's FA Cup final at stadiummk

ARSENAL and Everton will meet in this season's FA Women's Cup Final at stadiummk after winning their semi-final matches this weekend.

The Gunners will look to lift the showpiece trophy for the second season in a row after beating Chelsea 5-3 on Sunday.

Kelly Smith's late 25-yard strike for Arsenal secured a 2-2 draw and took the match to extra-time where goals from Danielle Carter, Shinobu Ohno and Casey Stoney won it for the 12-time winners, despite Chelsea's Eniola Aluko making it 4-3 at one stage.

Smith's 86th-minute goal, her second of the game after earlier cancelling out Ji So-Yun's opener, came moments after Yuki Ogimi looked to have won it in normal time for Chelsea.

Everton overcame Notts County 2-1, following two goals from Nikita Parris.

The Toffees, who are two-time winners, last lifted the trophy in 2010 when they defeated Arsenal 3-2 after extra-time.

This year's final will take place at the home of the Dons on Sunday, June 1 from 4.30pm. Tickets are on sale now, priced from £6 for adults and £3 for children, and the game will also be broadcast live on BBC Two.

Supporters will enjoy a double-header of football as the FA Girls' Youth Cup Final, which will be contested by Merseyside rivals Liverpool and Everton, takes place at 1pm on the same day, and tickets are valid for both matches.

Arsenal captain Smith said: "The FA Women's Cup is such a special trophy and a great occasion to be part of and as a team, we're so happy to have made the final again.

Everton's Parris added: "We're so pleased to have got to the final of the FA Women's Cup.

"We're a young team and it's a big achievement to get there, now we want to go one better and win the cup."

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